

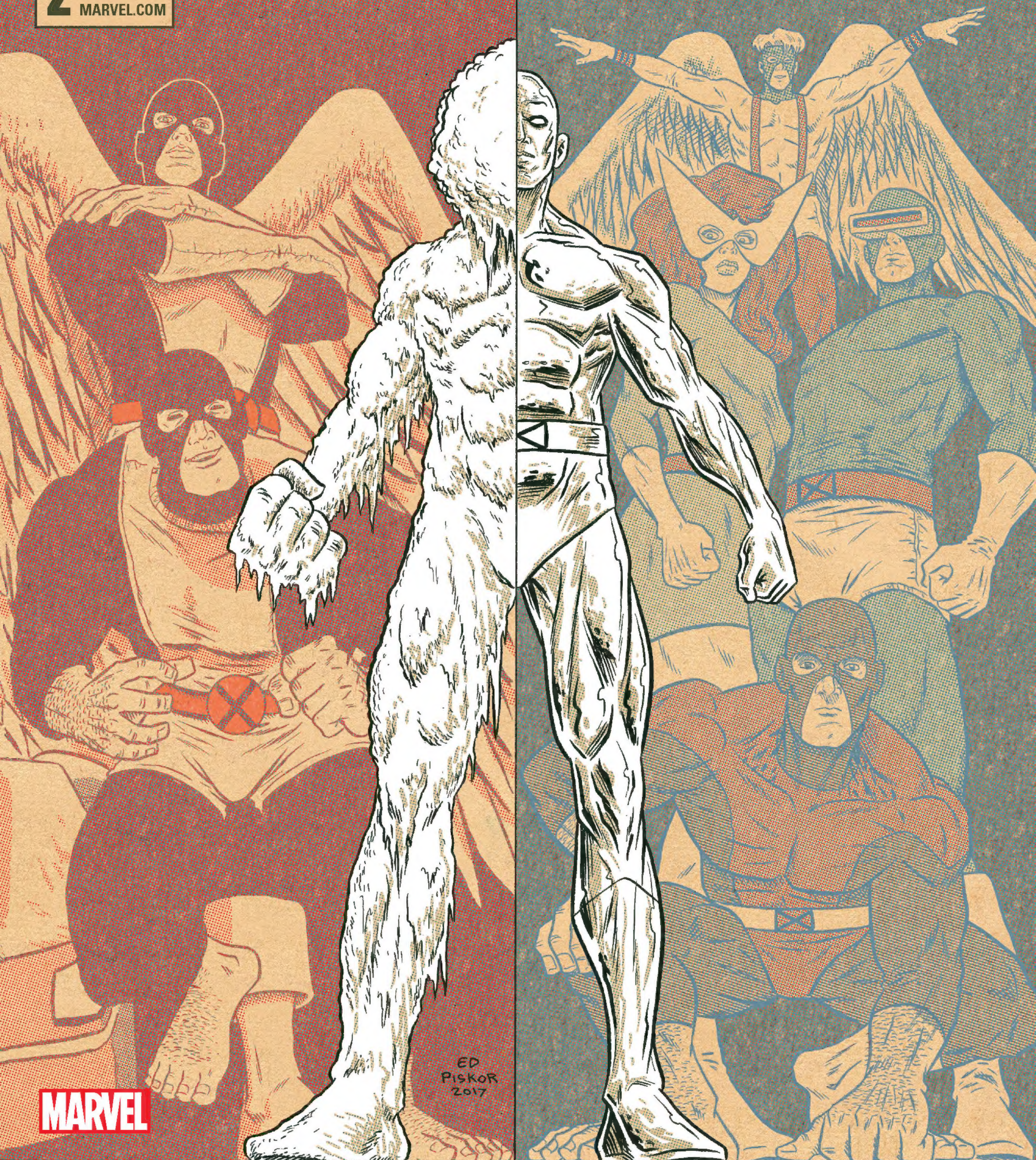
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The cover features a central title box with a cream background and a blue border. The title 'X-MEN GRAND DESIGN' is in large, bold, yellow 3D letters. Below it, the author 'ED PISKOR' is listed as 'CARTOONIST'. The box also contains the names and titles of the editorial and production staff. The entire cover is framed by a blue border with four red 'X' logos in the corners. The background is a dynamic comic book illustration. At the top, a large, close-up face of a man with a stern expression is the focal point. Several X-Men characters are shown in action around this face: Cyclops is on the left, firing his optic blast; Storm is in the center, with her hands raised; Wolverine is on the right, in a dynamic pose. Below the central face, the lower half of the cover is filled with more characters. On the left, Magneto is shown in his green armor, and below him, a smaller figure of a character in a green suit is running. On the right, another Magneto figure is shown, this one in a more menacing pose. At the bottom, a group of characters is shown in a dynamic pose, with one character in the center having a large, spiky headpiece and a determined expression. The overall style is classic comic book art with bold lines and a rich color palette.

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XAVIER AND THE X-MEN HAVE NO SUSPICIONS THAT A MARATHON OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL WARRIORS IS HEADING THEIR WAY...

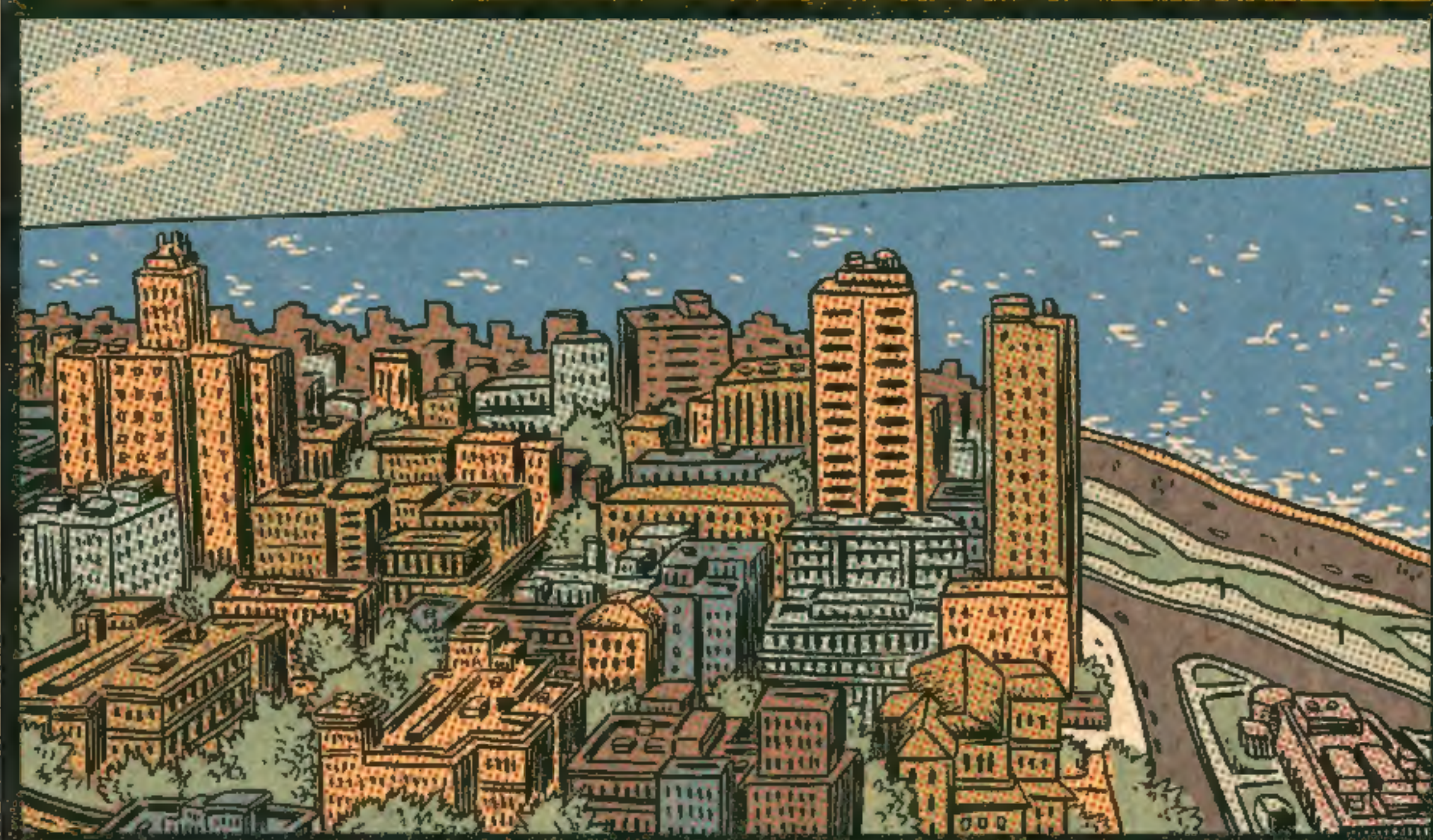
...THE X-MEN AREN'T EVEN AWARE OF THE IMMINENT THREAT LOOMING JUST OUTSIDE OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

SANTO MARCO MAKES PERFECT STRATEGIC SENSE, MAGNETO...

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

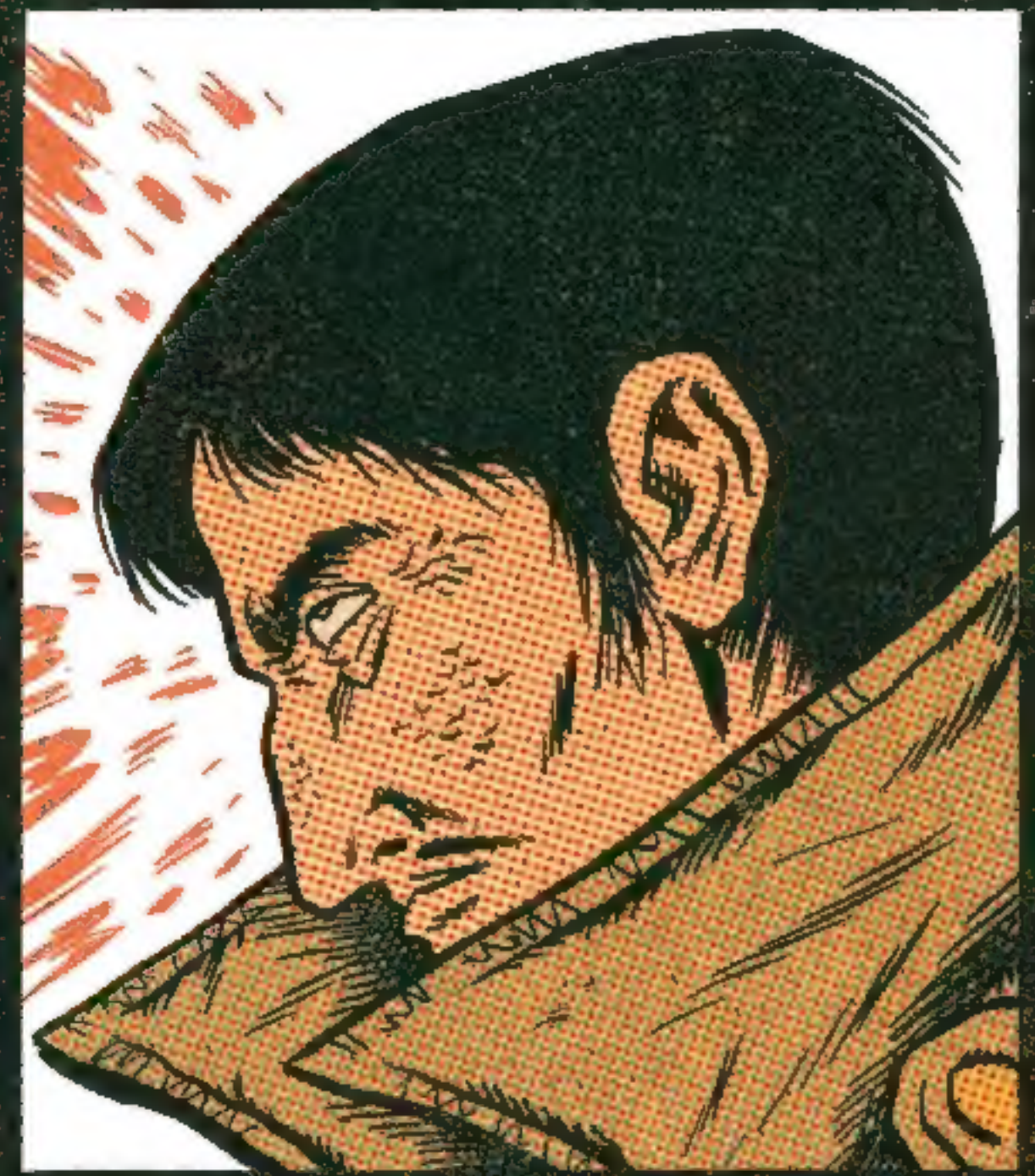
SANTO MARCO, THE SELF-SUSTAINING ISLAND NATION JUST BARELY 50 MILES FROM THE COAST OF FLORIDA IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR MAGNETO AND HIS BROTHERHOOD TO LAUNCH THEIR COLD WAR.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND WAKE UP TO THE SOUNDS OF TWISTED METAL FORTIFYING THEM OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.



MESMERO

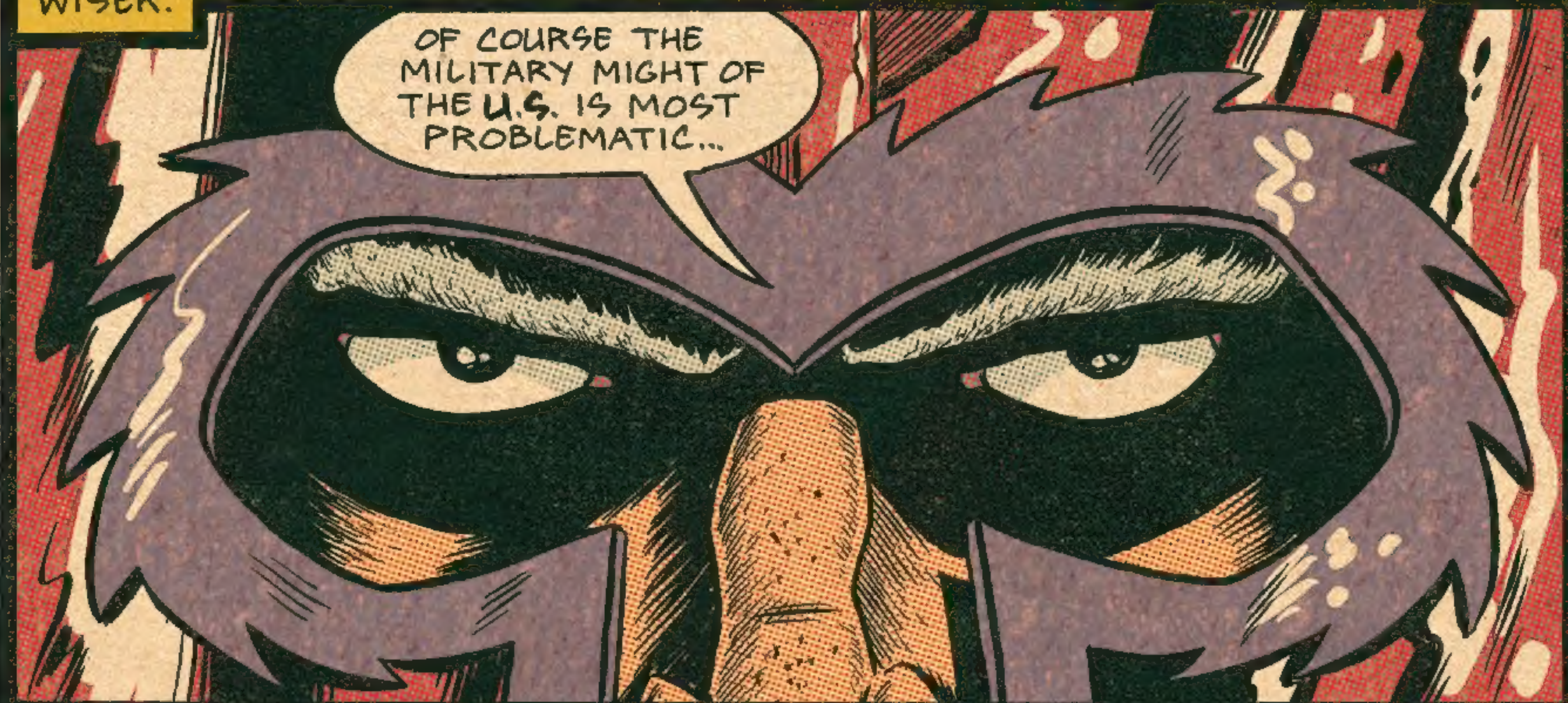
BY NOON, MAGNETO'S TWO MASTERS OF HYPNOTISM AND ILLUSION COMPLETE THEIR PART OF THE PLOT.



MASTERMIND

BY DINNERTIME, MAGNETO IS KING AND THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NONE THE WISER.

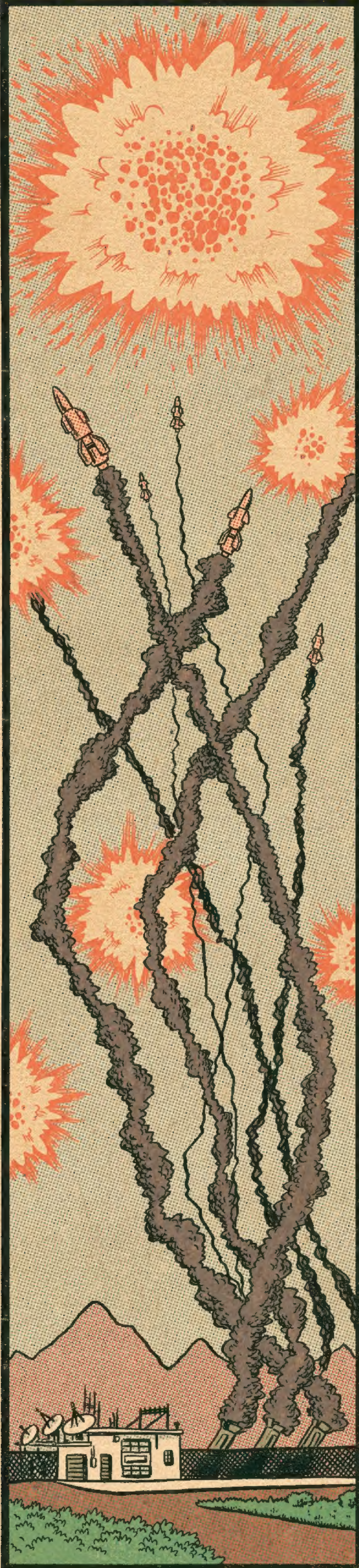
OF COURSE THE MILITARY MIGHT OF THE U.S. IS MOST PROBLEMATIC...



...I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.



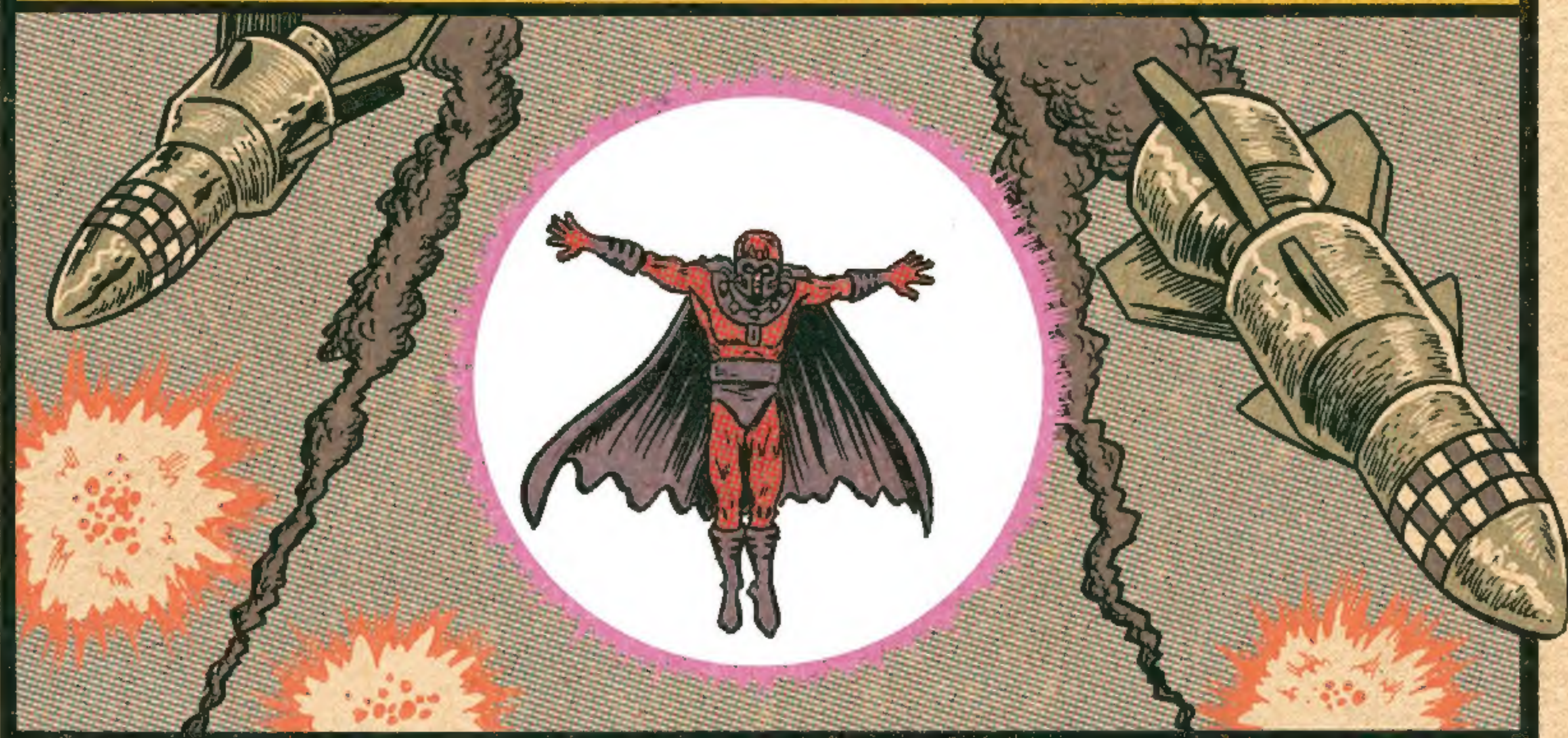
PERHAPS IN AN ACT OF HUBRIS AFTER CAPTURING **SANTO MARCO** SO EASILY, **MAGNETO** OVER-POWERS **CAPE CITADEL** MISSILE BASE IN FLORIDA BY HIMSELF.



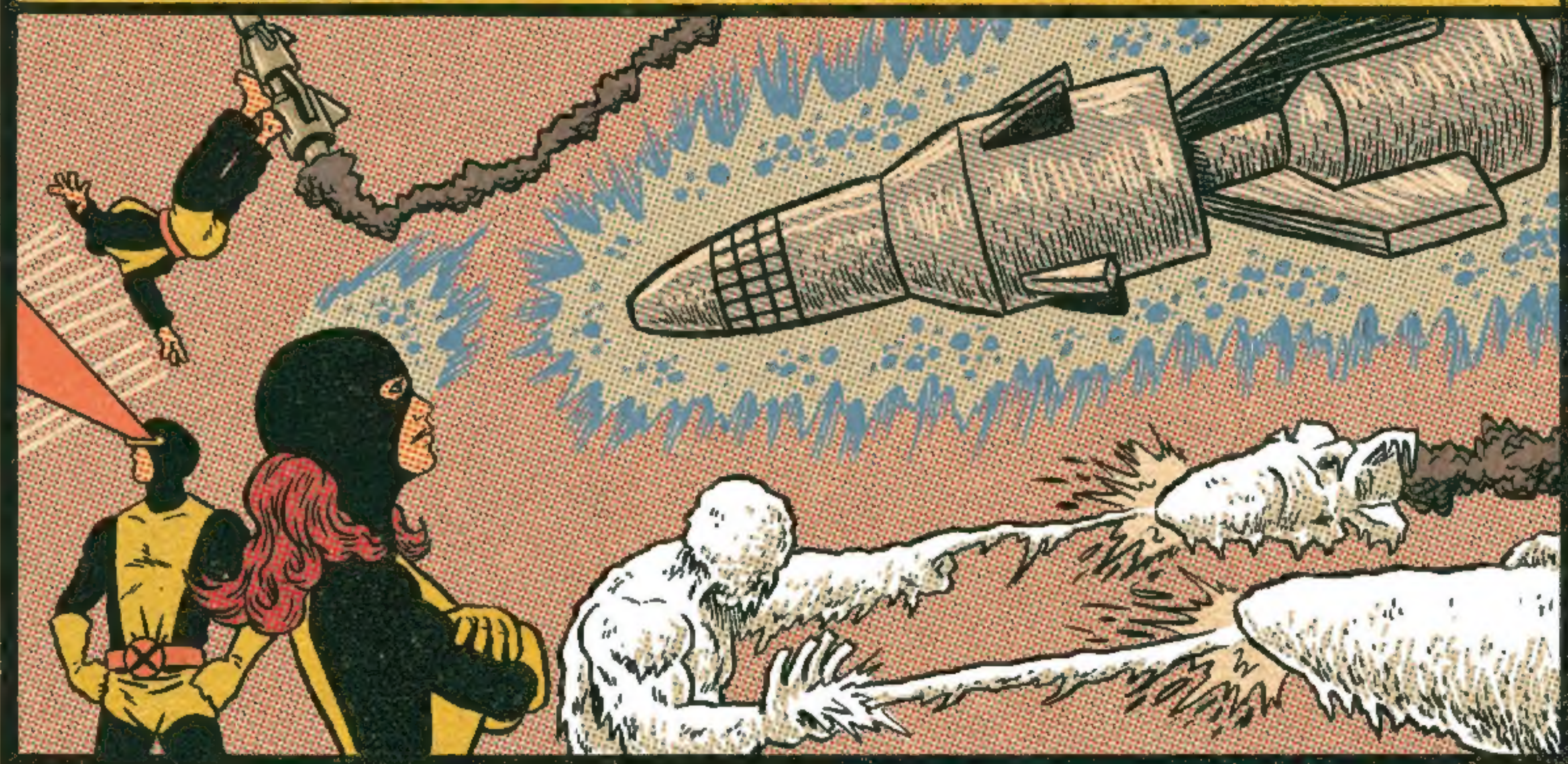
XAVIER RUSHES THE **X-MEN** INTO BATTLE WITHOUT KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT **MAGNETO** IS PLANNING TO ACCOMPLISH.



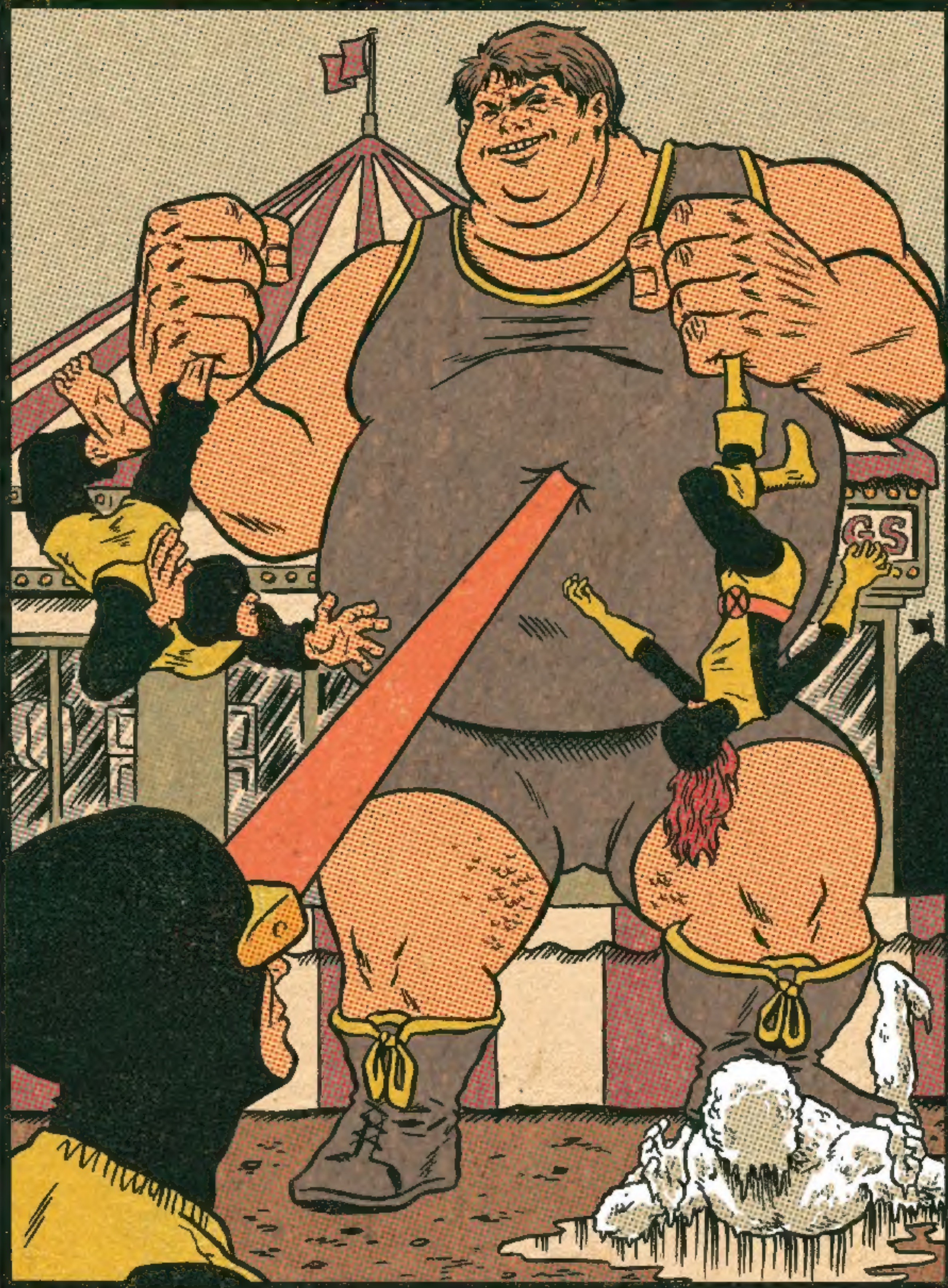
WISELY, THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM DID SAVE A FEW TRADITIONAL MUNITIONS IN CASE HE MET AN OBSTACLE AND NEEDED A DIVERSION.



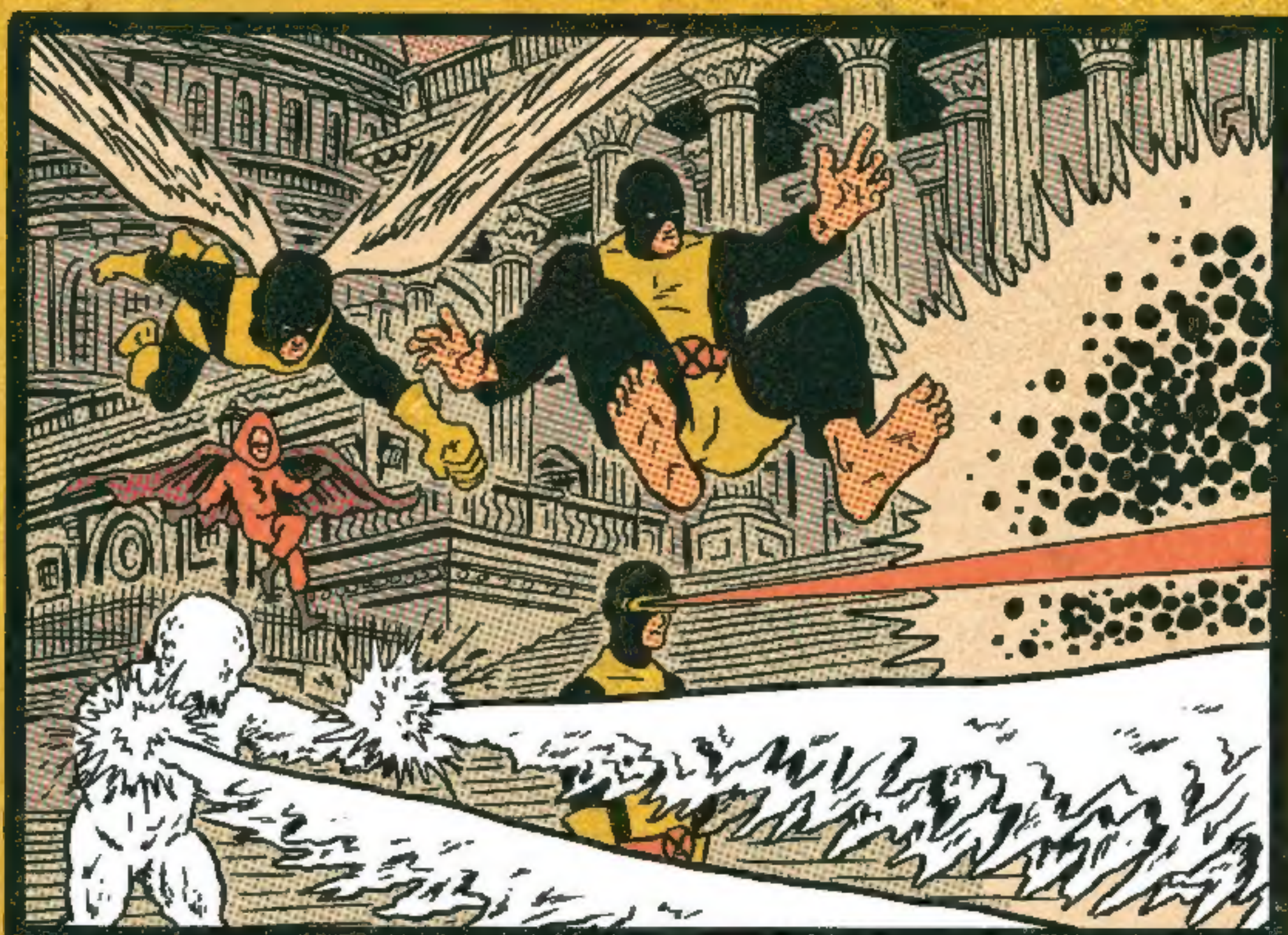
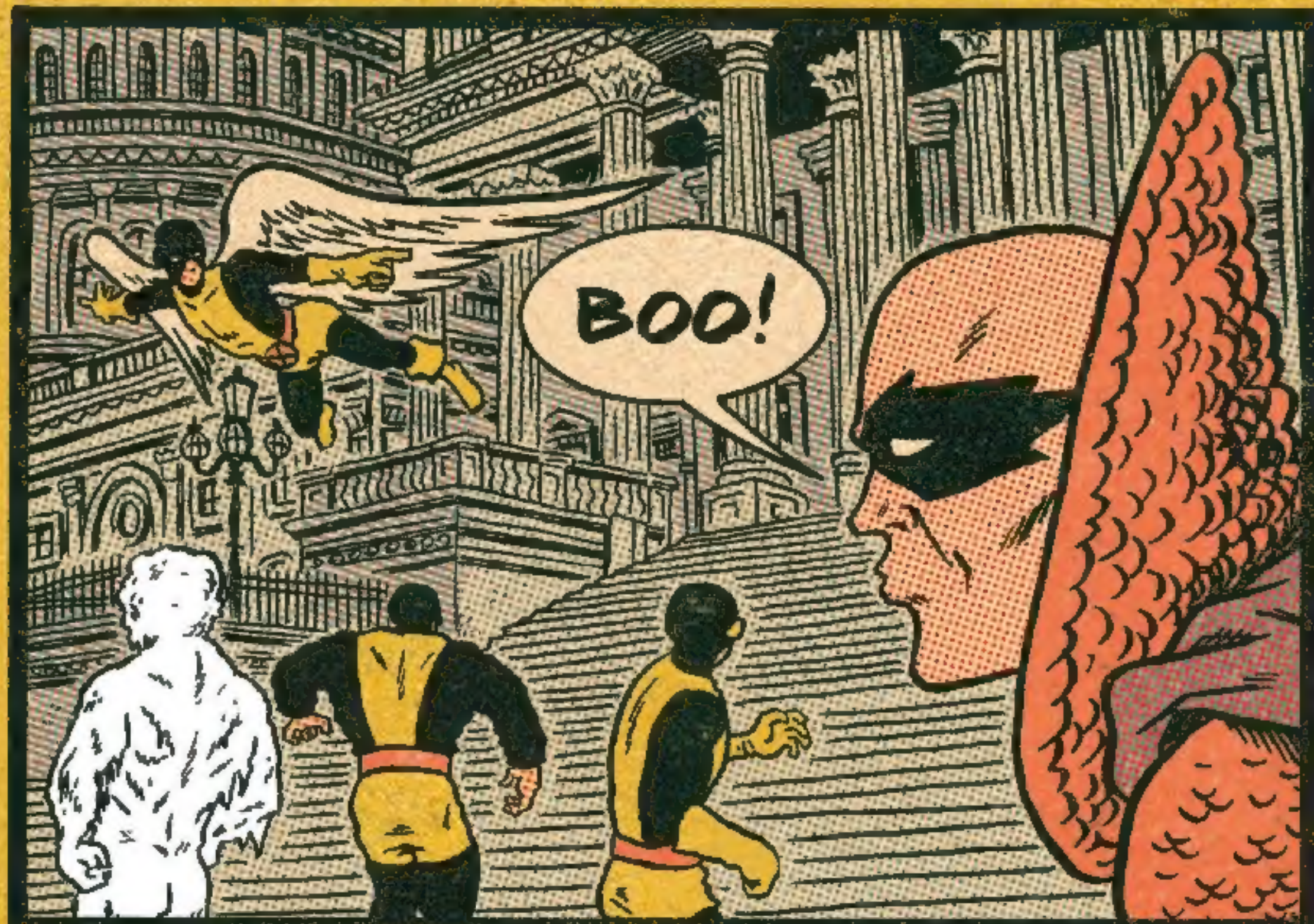
HE WAS EXPECTING THE **AVENGERS** AND IS VAGUELY INSULTED BY THE RESPONSE OF THIS NO-NAME BAND OF TEENAGERS.



THE X-MEN WEREN'T AFFORDED MUCH TIME TO CON-
TEMPLATE MAGNETO'S MOTIVES. DISENFRANCHISED
MUTANTS ACROSS THE U.S. SWIFTLY BEGIN EXPRESS-
ING THEIR ANGER WITH RECKLESS ABANDON.



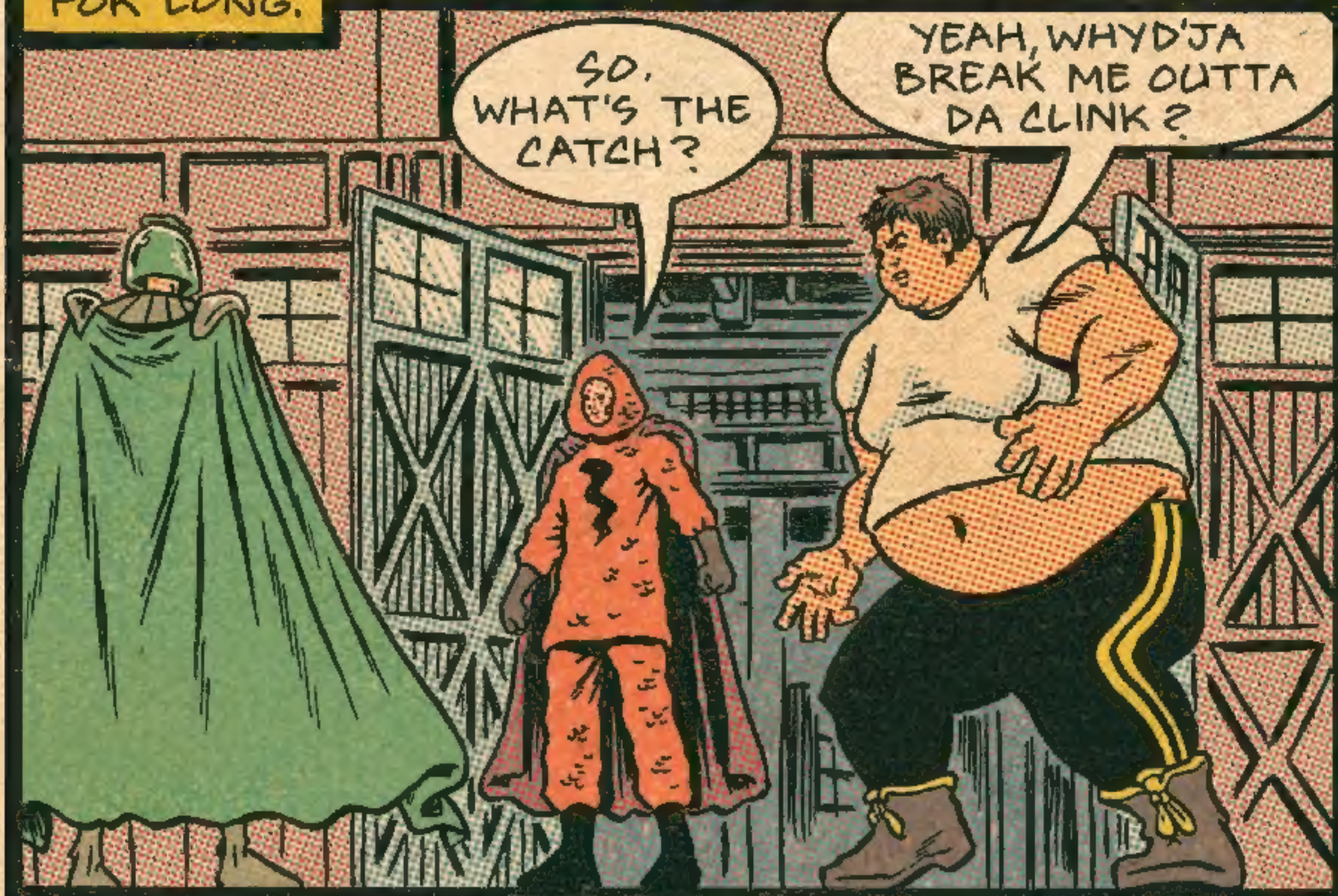
ONE MUTANT'S RAMPAGE WAS SO SUCCESSFUL HE
BYPASSED THE MOST POWERFUL DEFENSES PRO-
TECTING WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE BLOB AND THE VANISHER WOULD HAVE PULVERIZED THE X-MEN IF CHARLES XAVIER WEREN'T THERE ON
BOTH OCCASIONS TO INTERVENE.



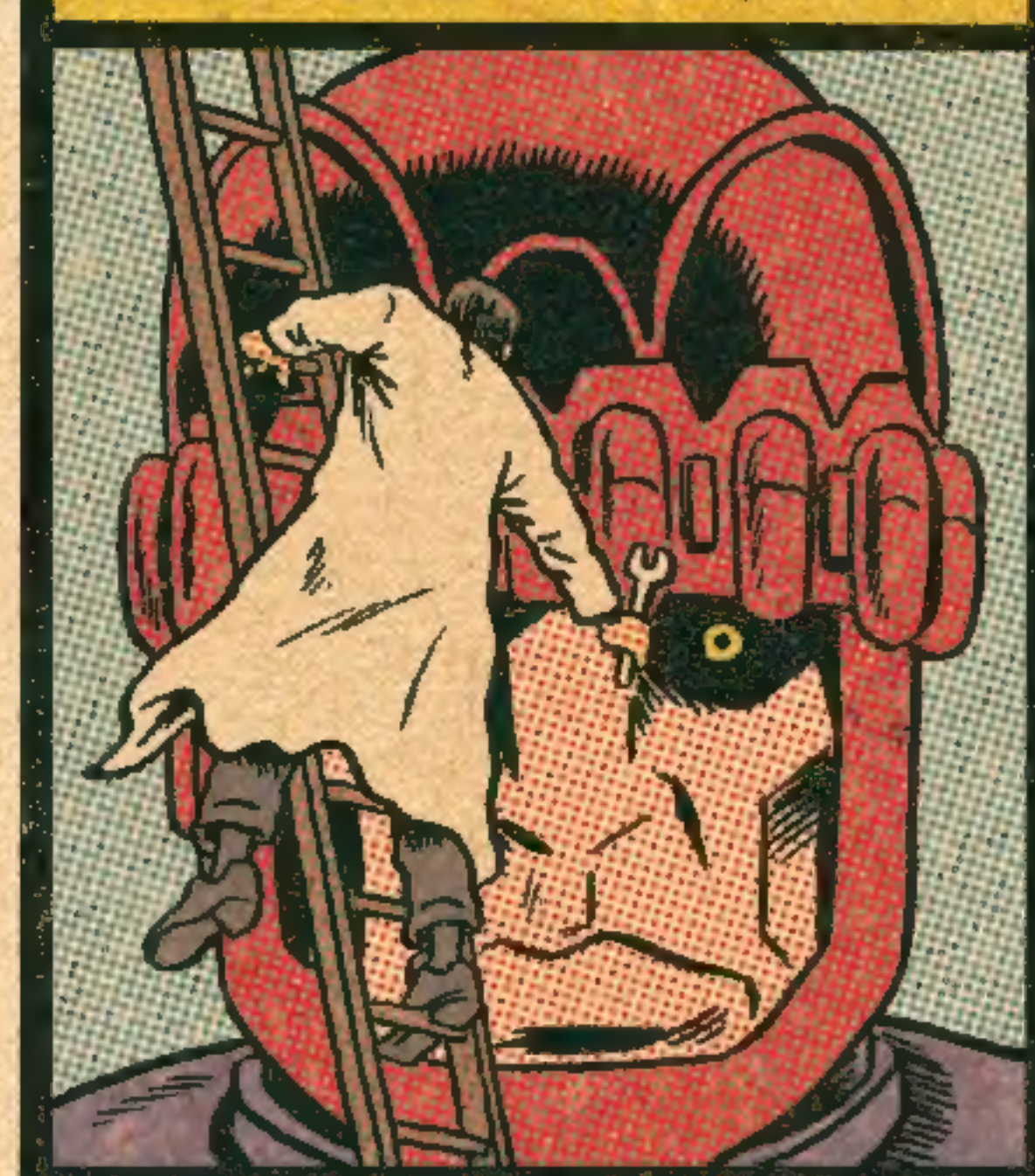
VILLAINS OF THIS CALIBER ARE NEVER INCARCERATED
FOR LONG.



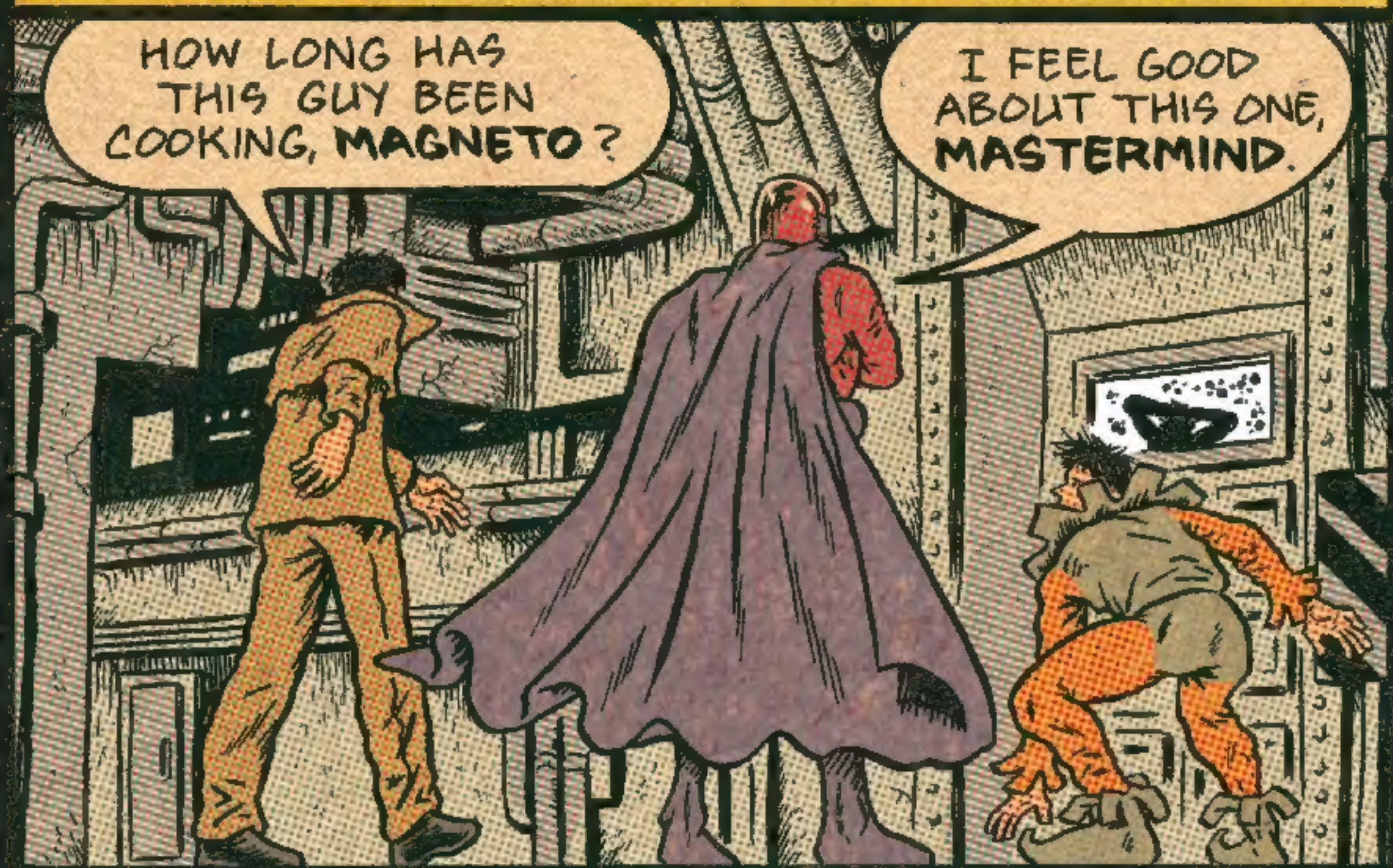
TELL ME ALL THAT
YOU KNOW ABOUT
THE MIGHTY PHOENIX!



BOLIVAR TRASK'S PLAN
COMES CLOSER TO
FRUITION EVERY TIME
A NEW MUTANT SHOWS
AGGRESSION PUBLICLY.



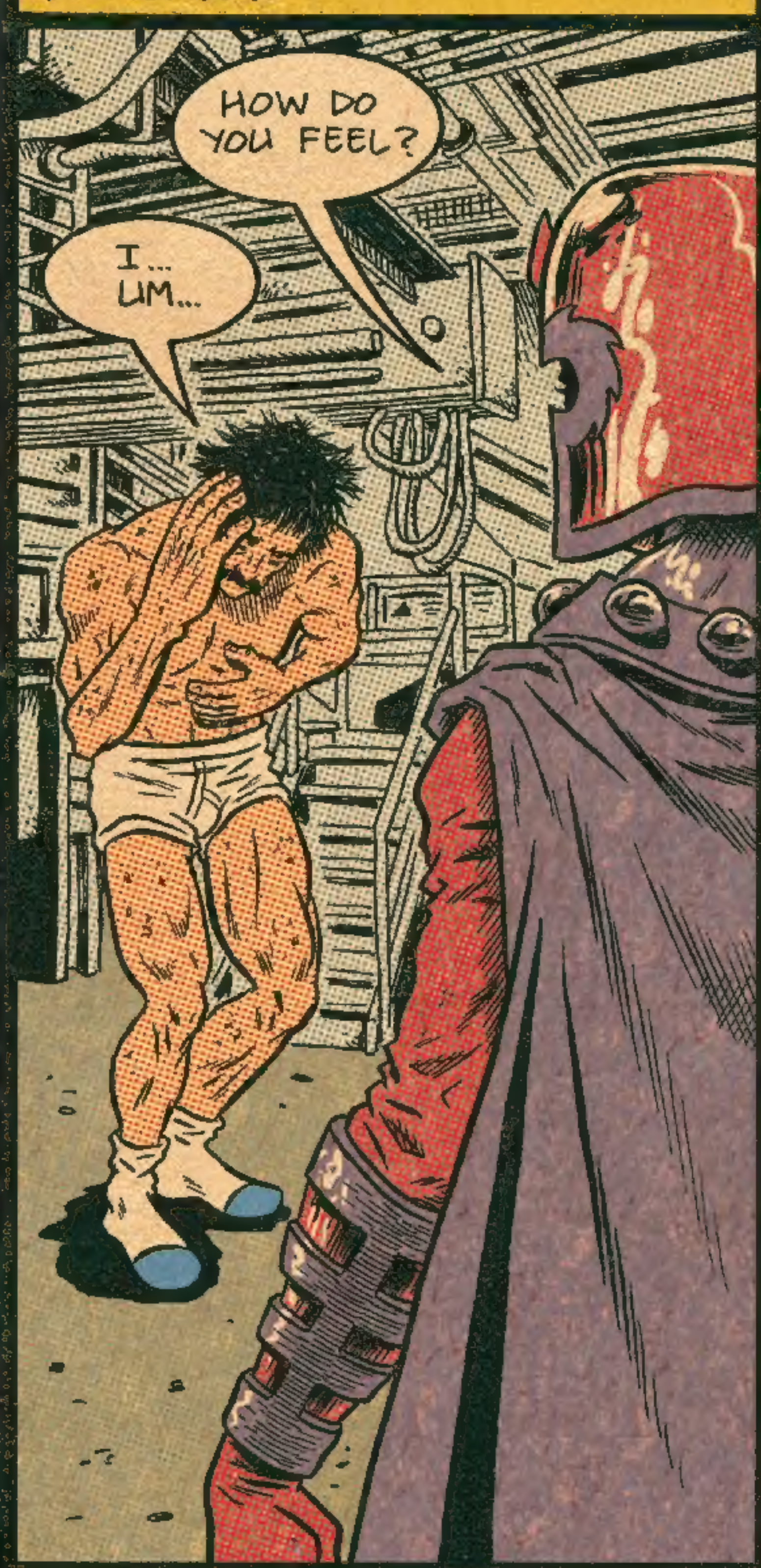
MAGNETO'S MISSION AT THE FLORIDIAN MISSILE BASE WASN'T SIMPLY TO NEUTRALIZE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF THE UNITED STATES...



...FOR HIS GENETIC TRANSFORMATION CHAMBER TO WORK HE NEEDS WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM.



THE IDEA OF THE TECHNOLOGY IS TO EXPLOIT AND FORCE ANY MUTATED GENES IN REGULAR HUMANS TO MANIFEST PHYSIOLOGICALLY.



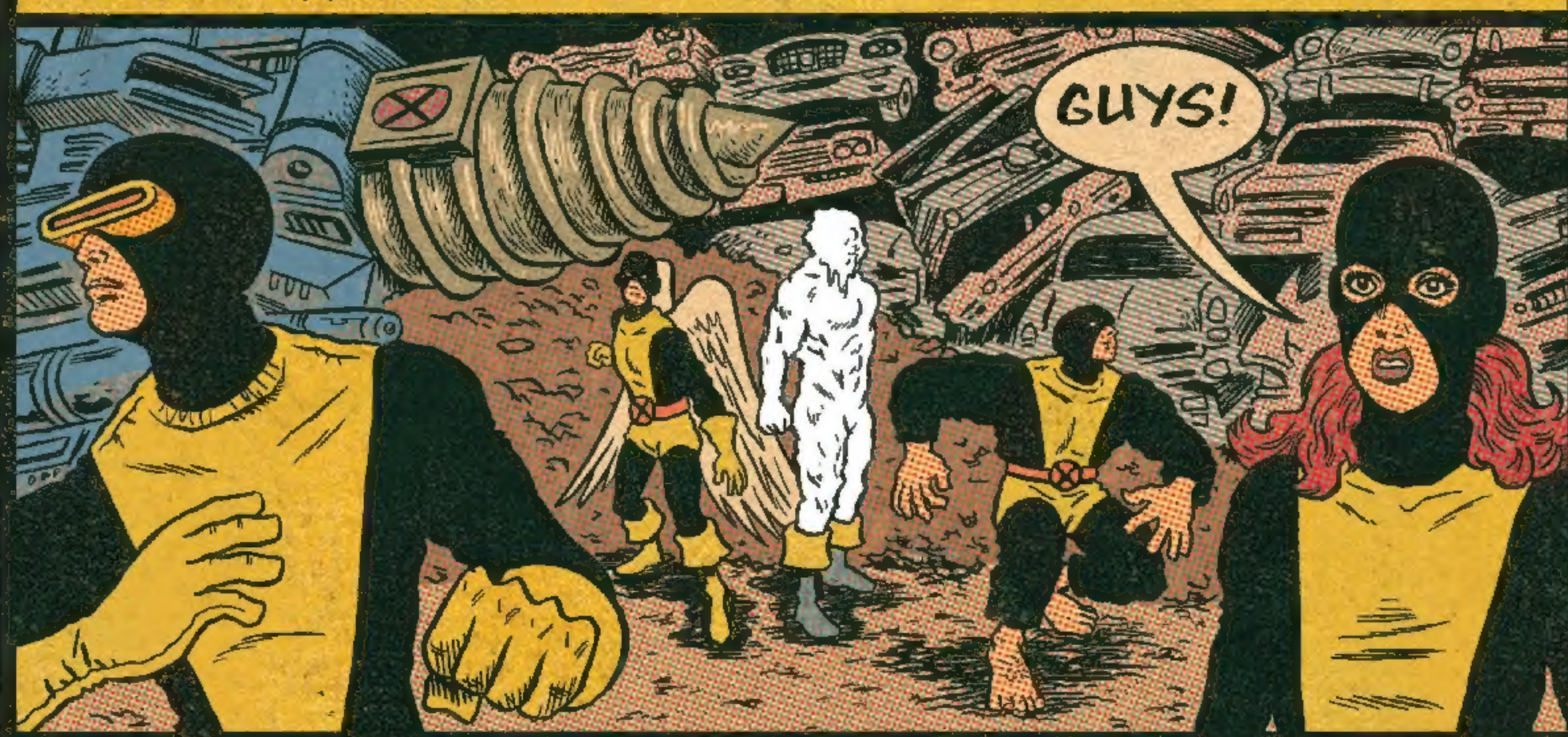
MAGNETO WANTS 100% OF SANTO MARCO'S RESIDENTS TO BE CONVERTED AS MUTANTS WITHIN THE YEAR.



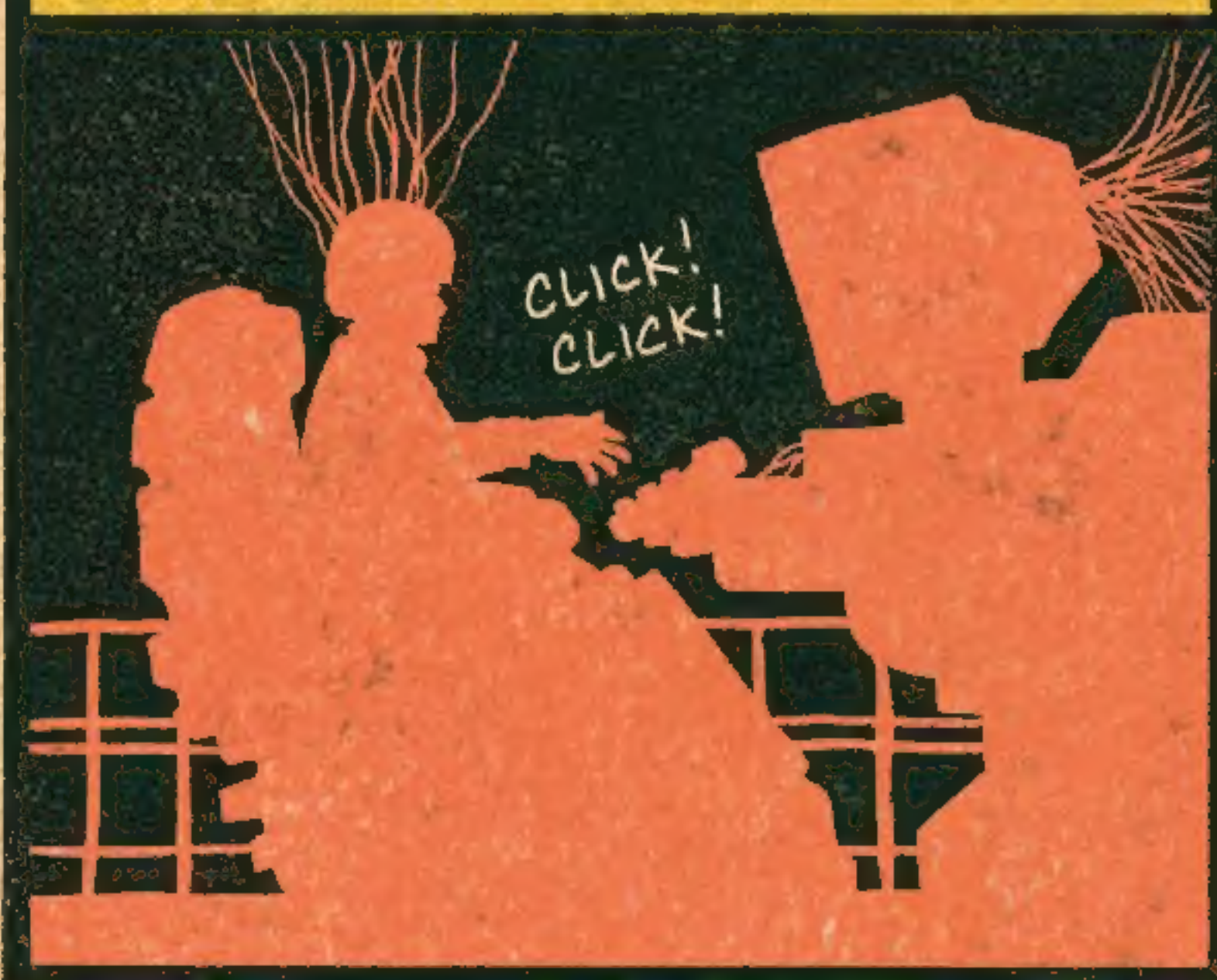
THE PROGRAM IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY, OF COURSE.



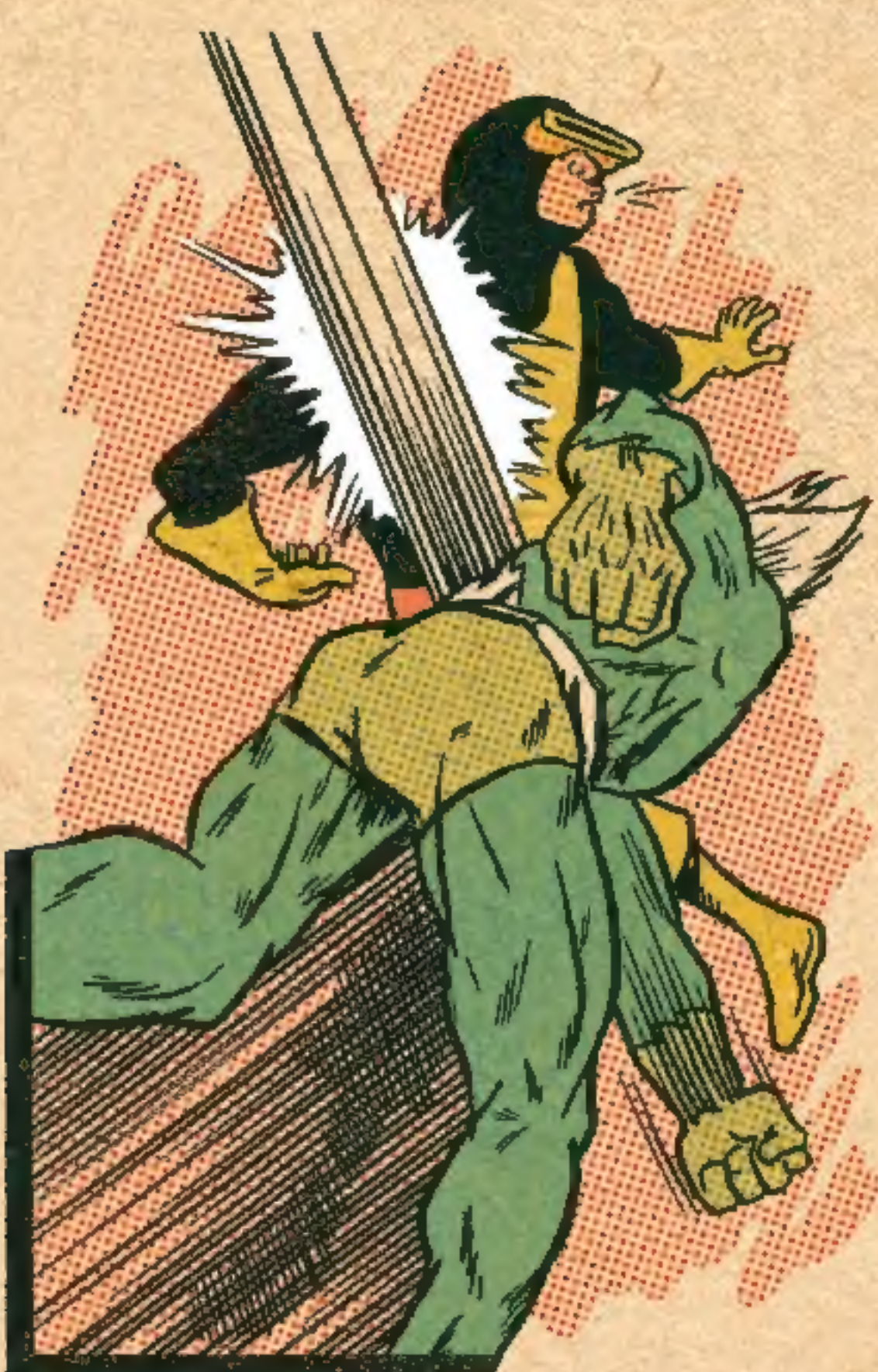
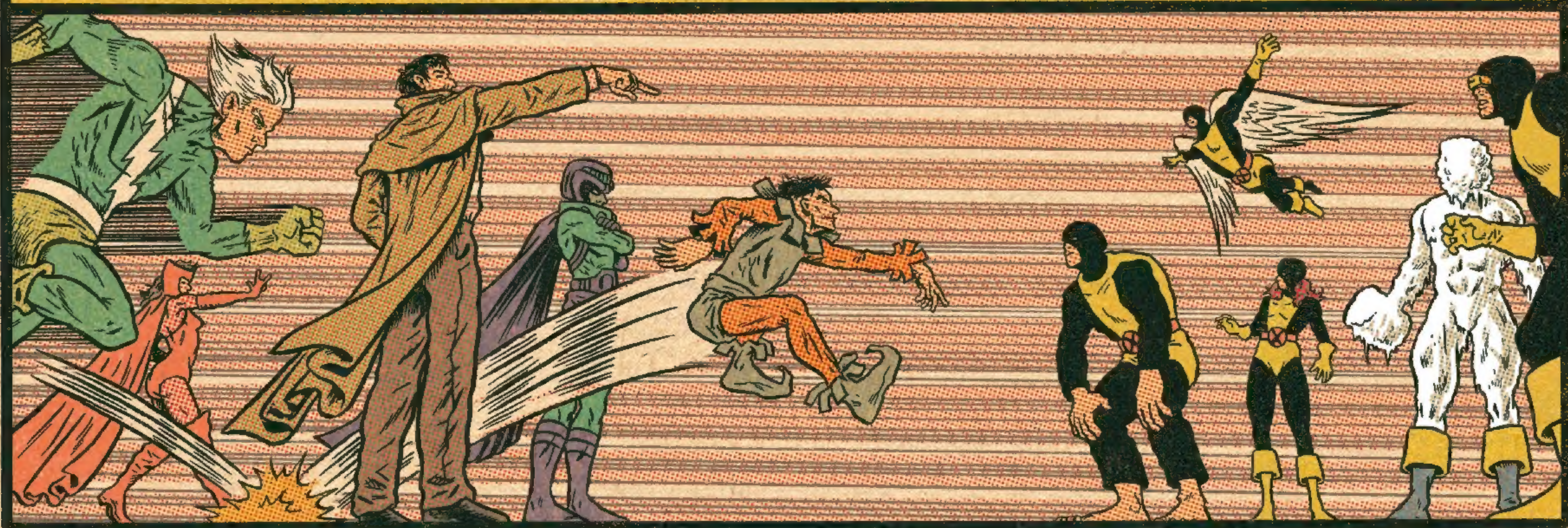
THIS MAD SCIENCE CAUSES CEREBO TO GO HAYWIRE, THUSLY SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON THE SECURELY REINFORCED AND SAFE-GUARDED ISLAND NATION.



BY THE TIME THE X-MEN PENETRATED SANTO MARCO, MAGNETO WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. XAVIER STAYS BACK AT THE MANSION TO TRY AND PIN-POINT THE DESPOT'S LOCATION...



THE BROTHERHOOD, HOWEVER, WAS THERE ON THE SHORES OF SANTO MARCO TO GREET THE X-MEN.



FOR A FRACTION OF ONE SECOND JEAN GREY ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSES HER ENTIRE CONSCIOUSNESS TO MASTERMIND. IN ONE BURST ALL OF HER DEEPEST, DARKEST DESIRES ARE REVEALED.



THIS HOMELESS VAGRANT ALWAYS SHOWS UP WHEN XAVIER USES CEREBRO TO SCAN FOR MUTANTS.

LEMME HOLD TEN DOLLAHS, HOBO!

>HURM<



THE DERELICT SUFFERS FROM SEVERE AMNESIA THAT PREVENTS CHARLES FROM FINDING OUT VERY MUCH.

NO MONEY?

STOP!



A DIP IN THE HUDSON RIVER CHANGES EVERYTHING.

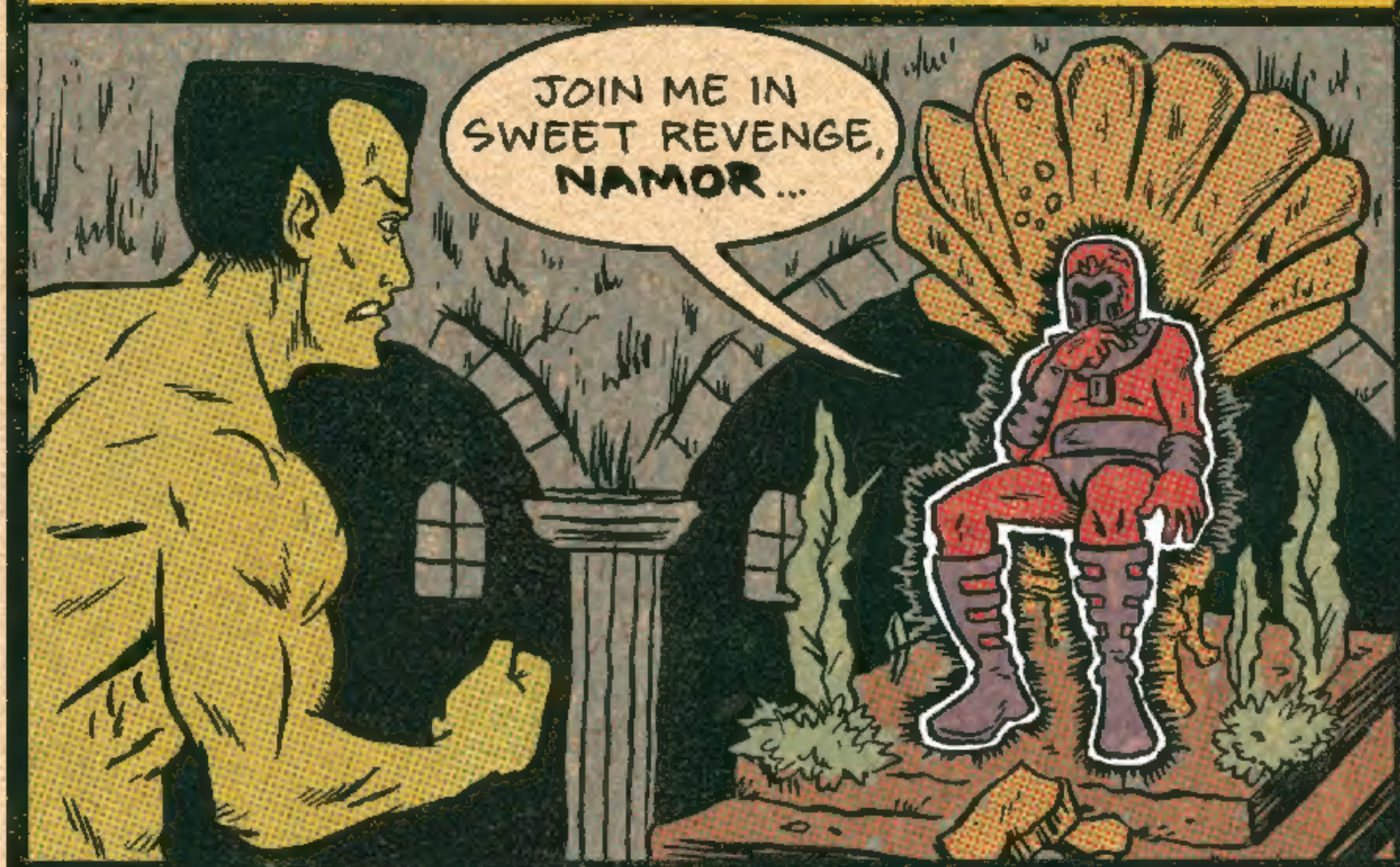
HA HAW!



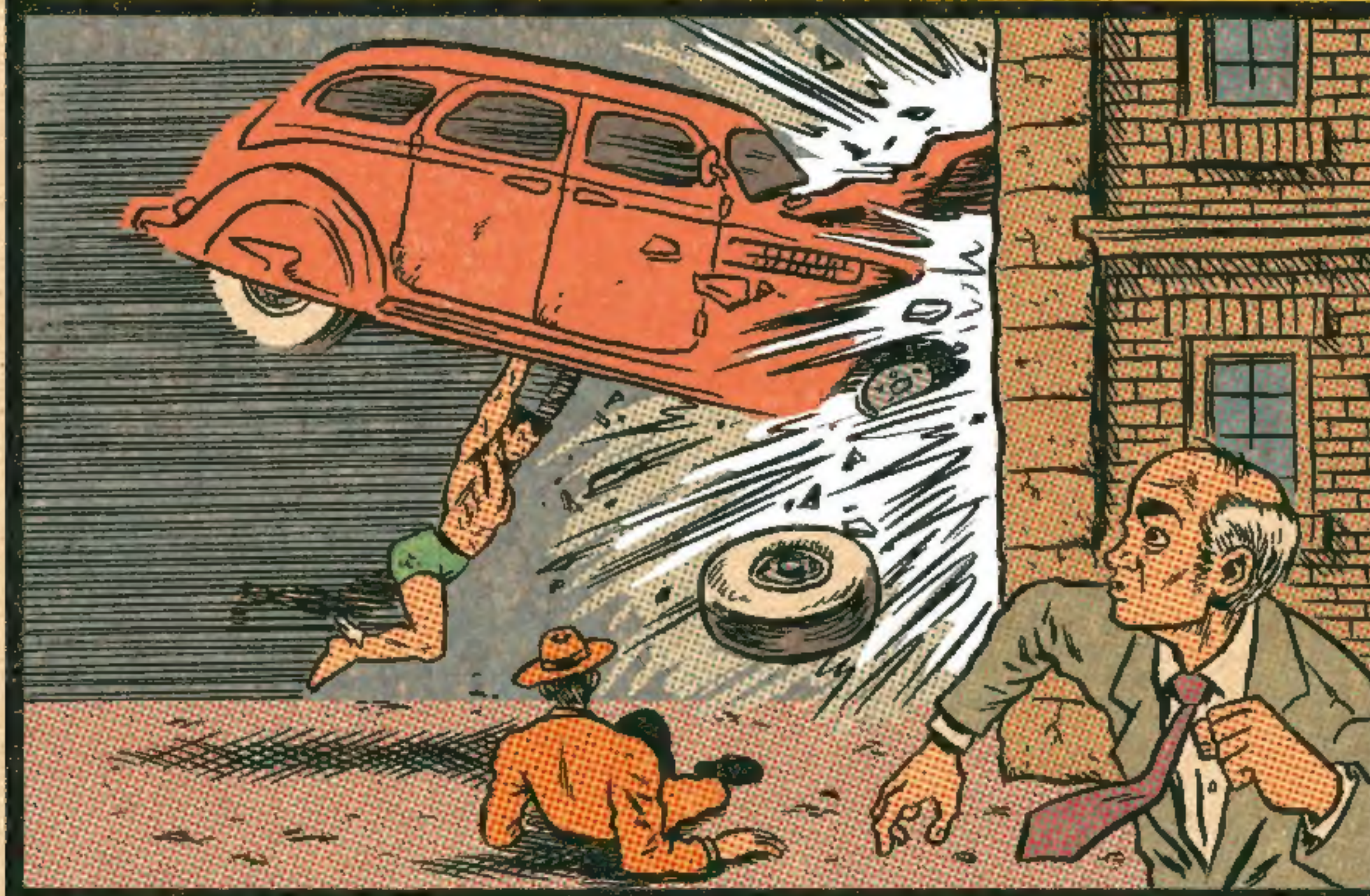
THE FIRST THING ON PRINCE NAMOR'S REBOOTED MIND IS TO LET HIS KINGDOM KNOW HE'S ALIVE AND WELL.



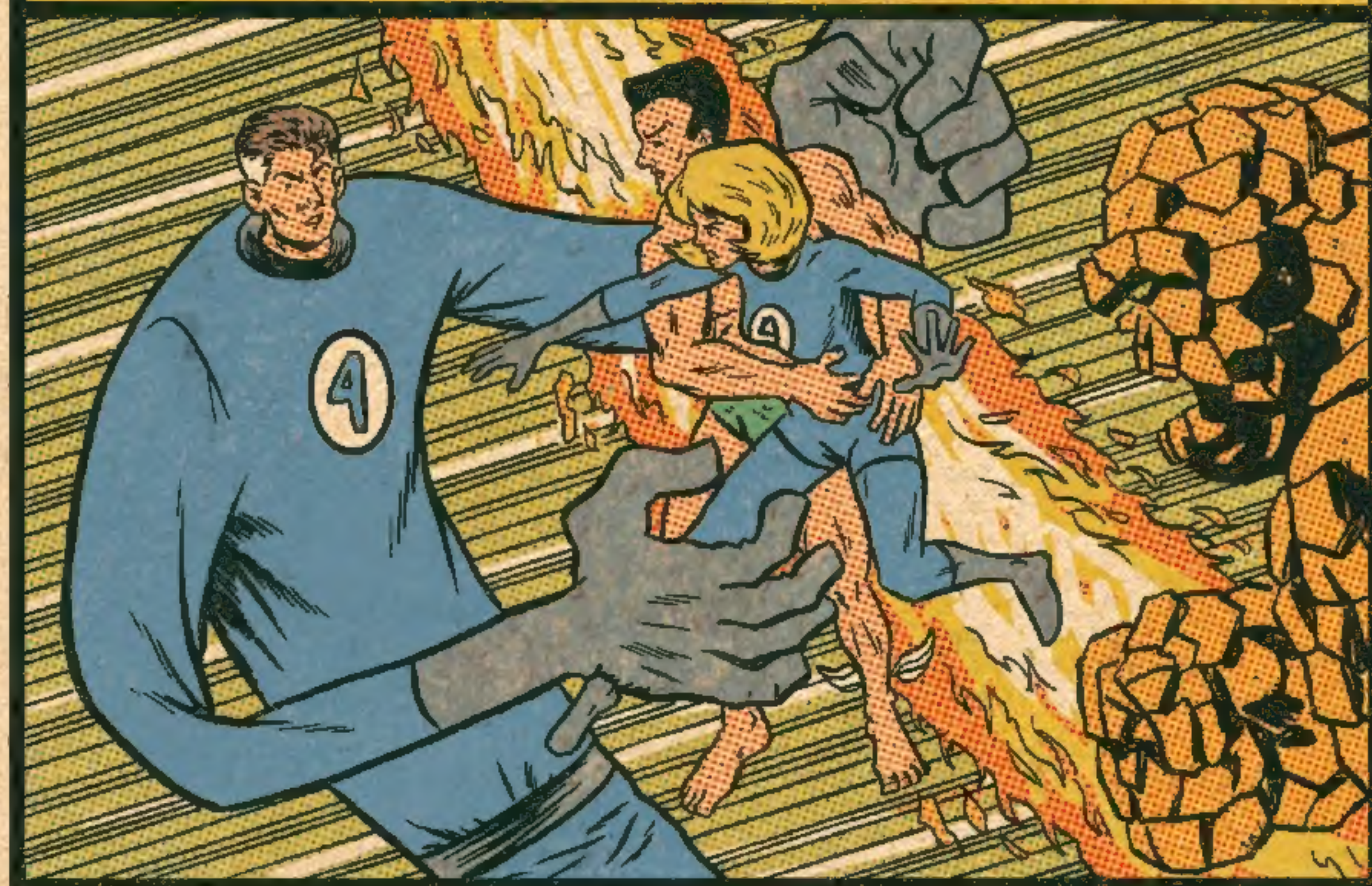
NUCLEAR TESTING AND POLLUTION HAS DESTROYED ATLANTIS. MAGNETO KNOWS A THING OR TWO ABOUT SURVIVING GENOCIDE.



THE SUB-MARINER DOESN'T NEED MAGNETO'S PERMISSION TO RAMPAGE THE AIR-BREATHERS.

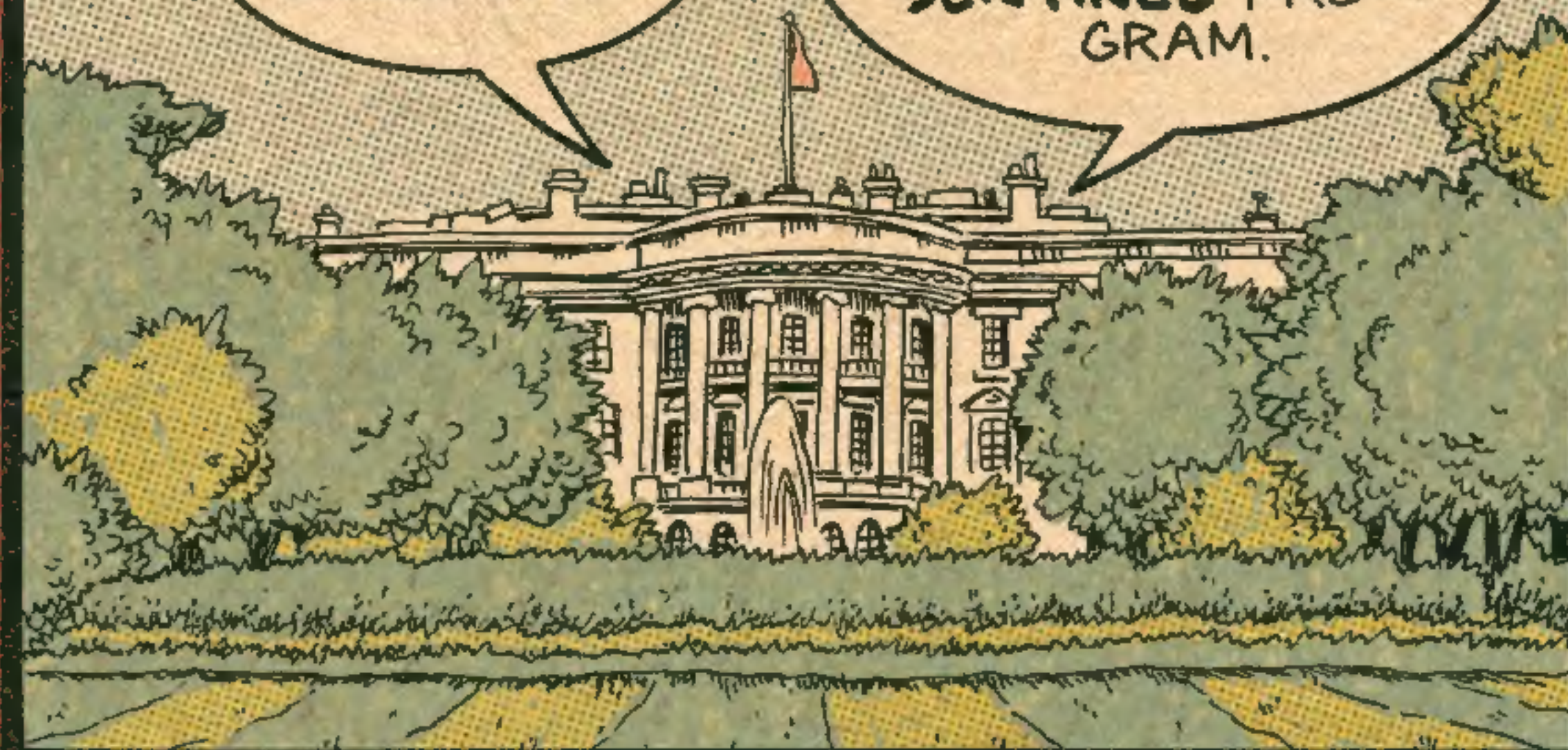


NAMOR WAS IGNORANT OF THE NEW BREED OF SUPER HERO SEEKING TO TEMPER HIS CALAMITY.



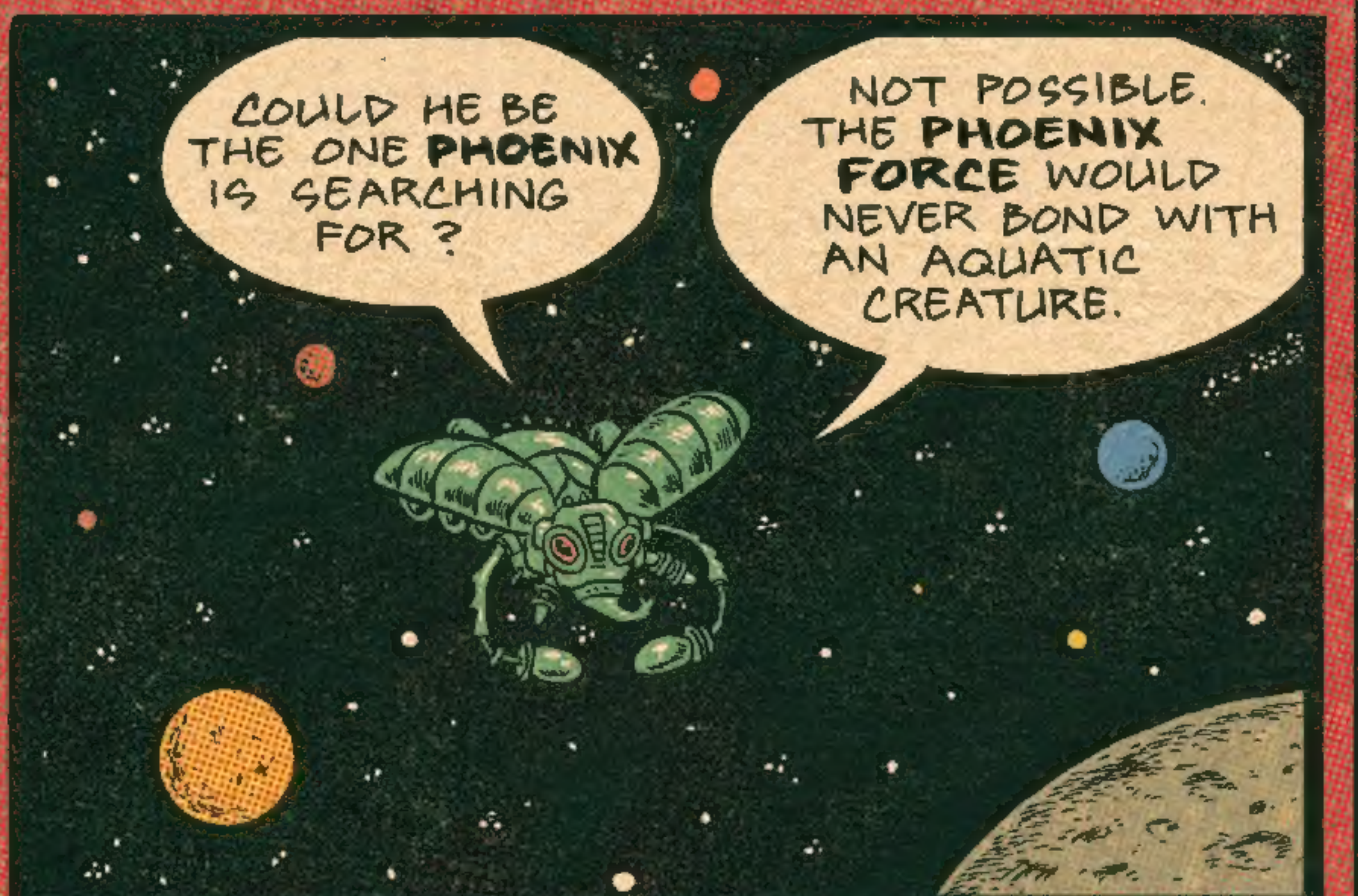
COL. FURY, WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IT'S TIME TO UTILIZE TRASK'S SENTINEL PROGRAM.

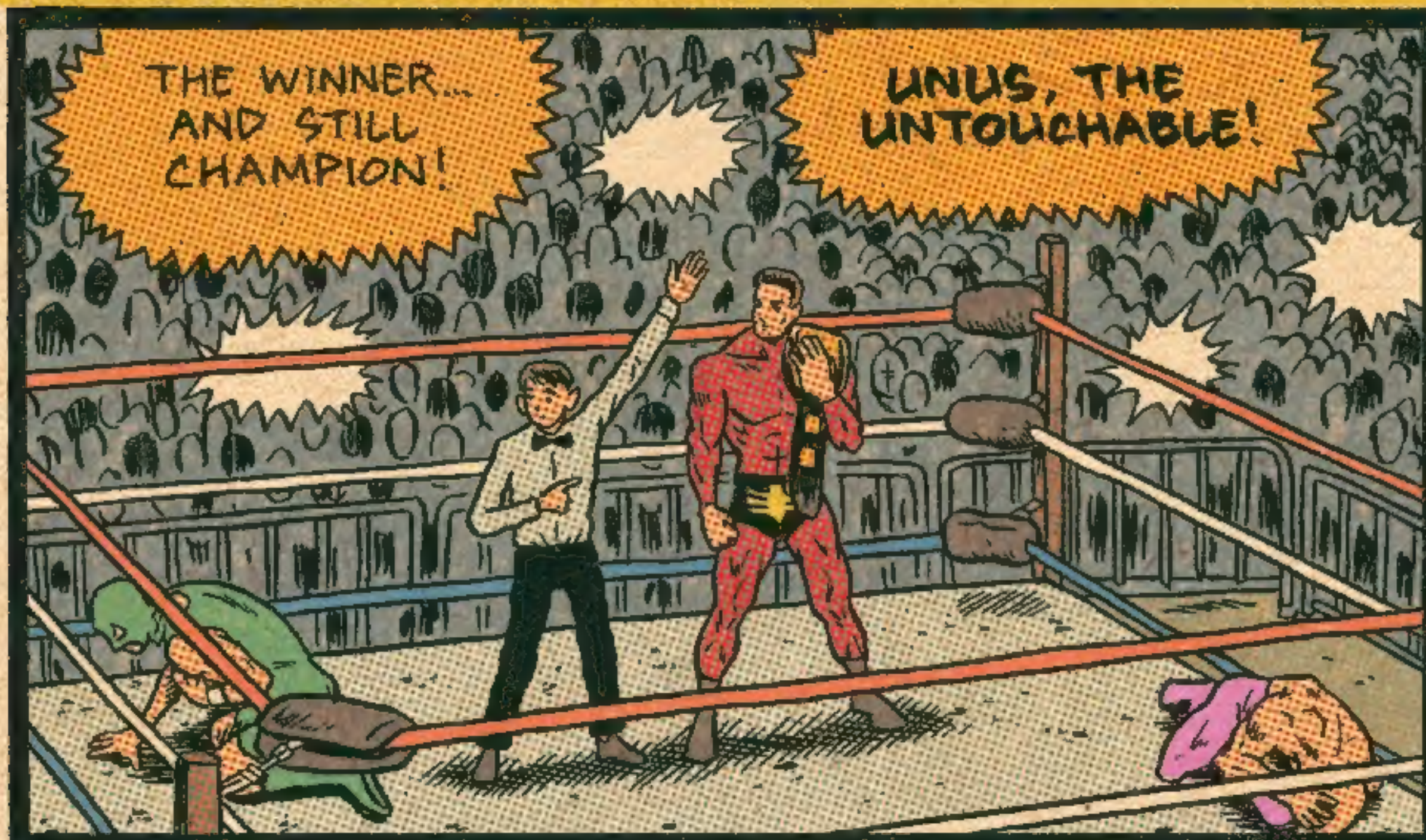


COULD HE BE THE ONE PHOENIX IS SEARCHING FOR?

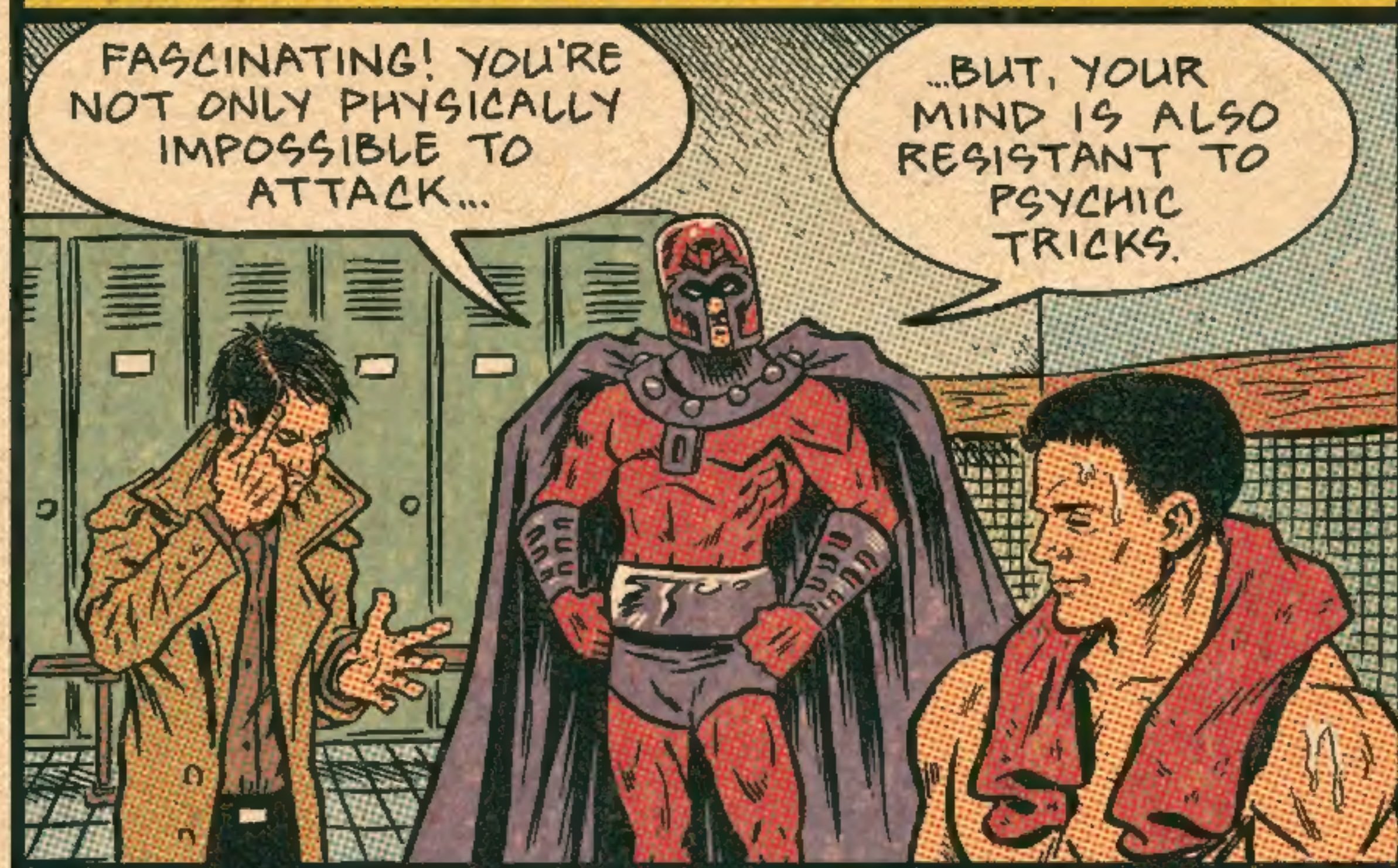
NOT POSSIBLE. THE PHOENIX FORCE WOULD NEVER BOND WITH AN AQUATIC CREATURE.



IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT **MAGNETO'S** UNSUCCESSFUL IN TAMING **NAMOR** FOR HIS CAUSE, BUT THERE ARE MANY IMPRESSIONABLE MUTANTS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO BELONG.



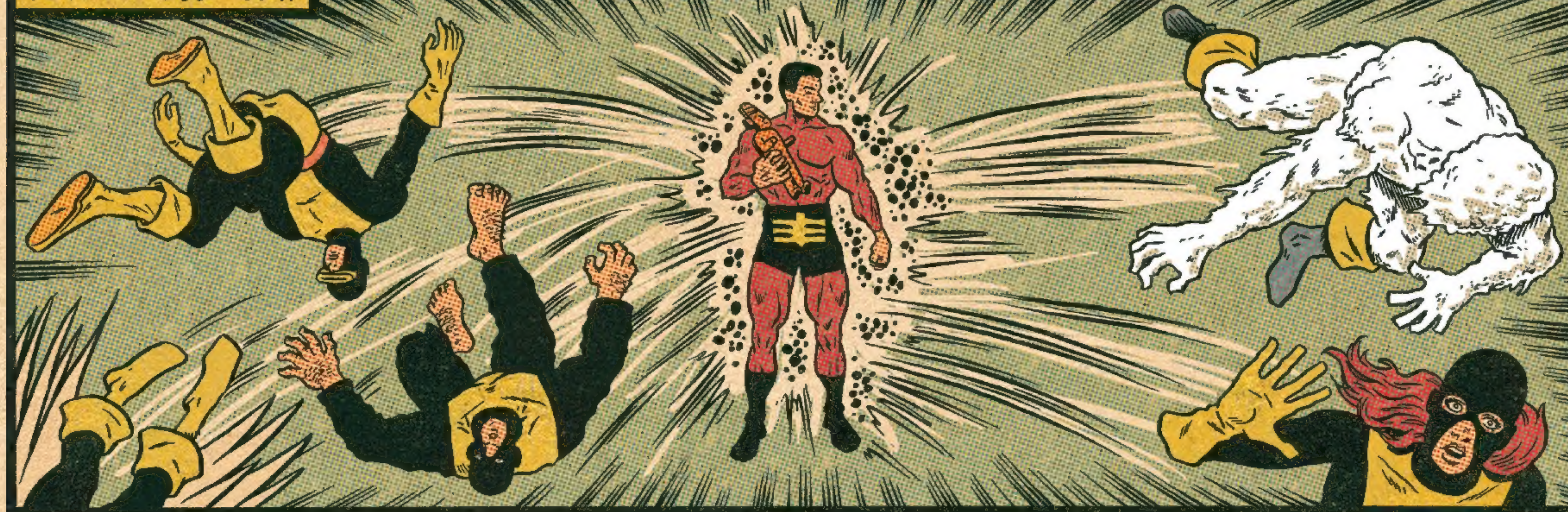
MAGNETO DOESN'T WANT TO APPEAR DESPERATE. HOWEVER THE TRUTH IS HE NEEDS CONSIDERABLE HELP TO ACCOMPLISH HIS IMPERIALISTIC GOALS.



THE INITIATION FOR THE **BROTHERHOOD** IS FRANKLY ARBITRARY, BUT **MAGNETO** WANTS **UNUS** TO BUILD AN INVESTMENT AND FEEL THAT HE'S EARNED HIS OPPORTUNITY.



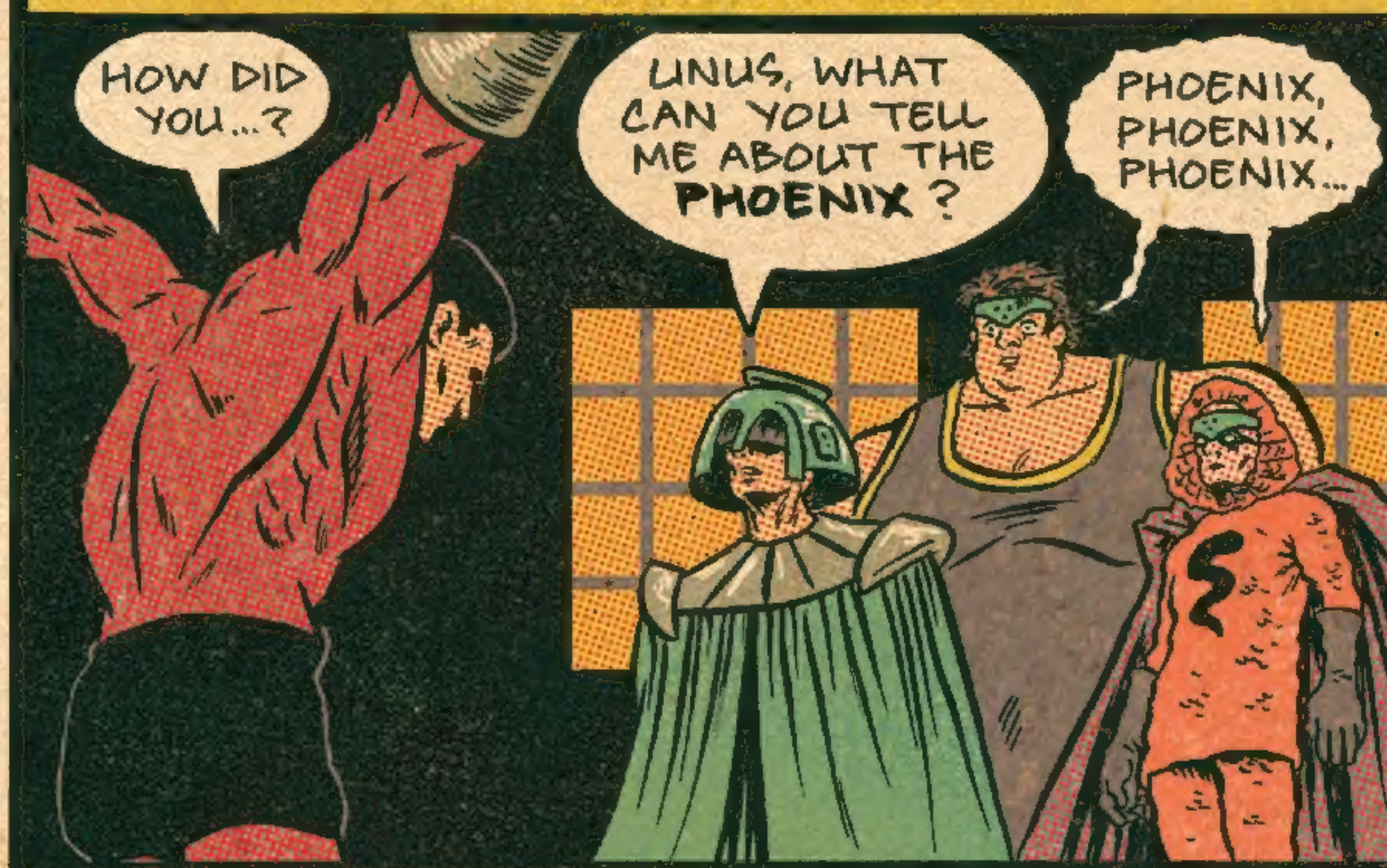
UNUS WAS A CAUTIOUS BEDFELLOW FOR **MAGNETO**, YET HE'S QUICKLY PROVING HIMSELF TO BE A FORMIDABLE ALLY.



BEFORE THE **X-MEN** COULD FORMULATE A PLAN FOR OVERCOMING AN IMPREGNABLE ADVERSARY...



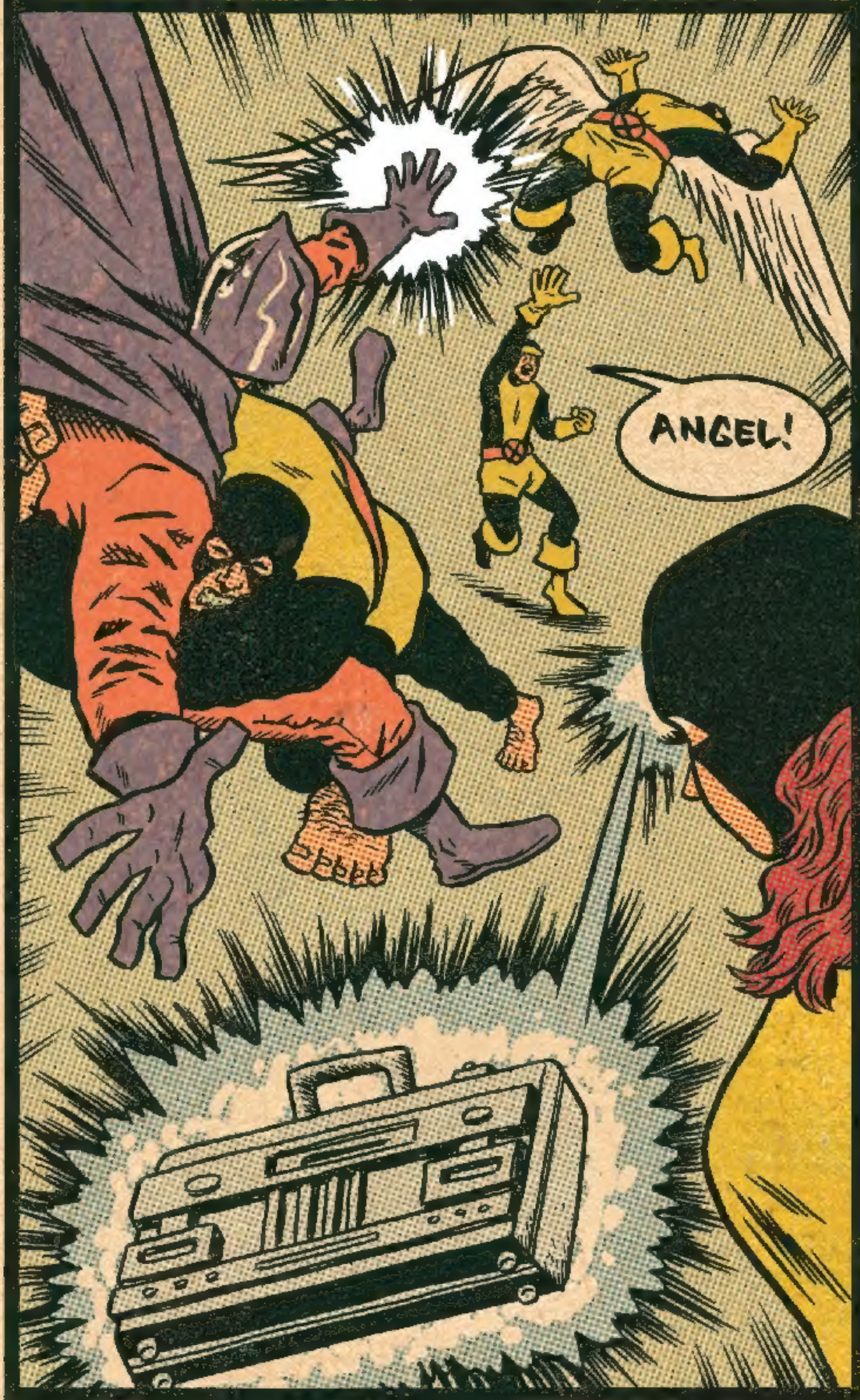
THE **MUTANT MASTER** ALSO HAS CAUSE TO GENERATE SOME STRONG ALIGNMENTS FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES.



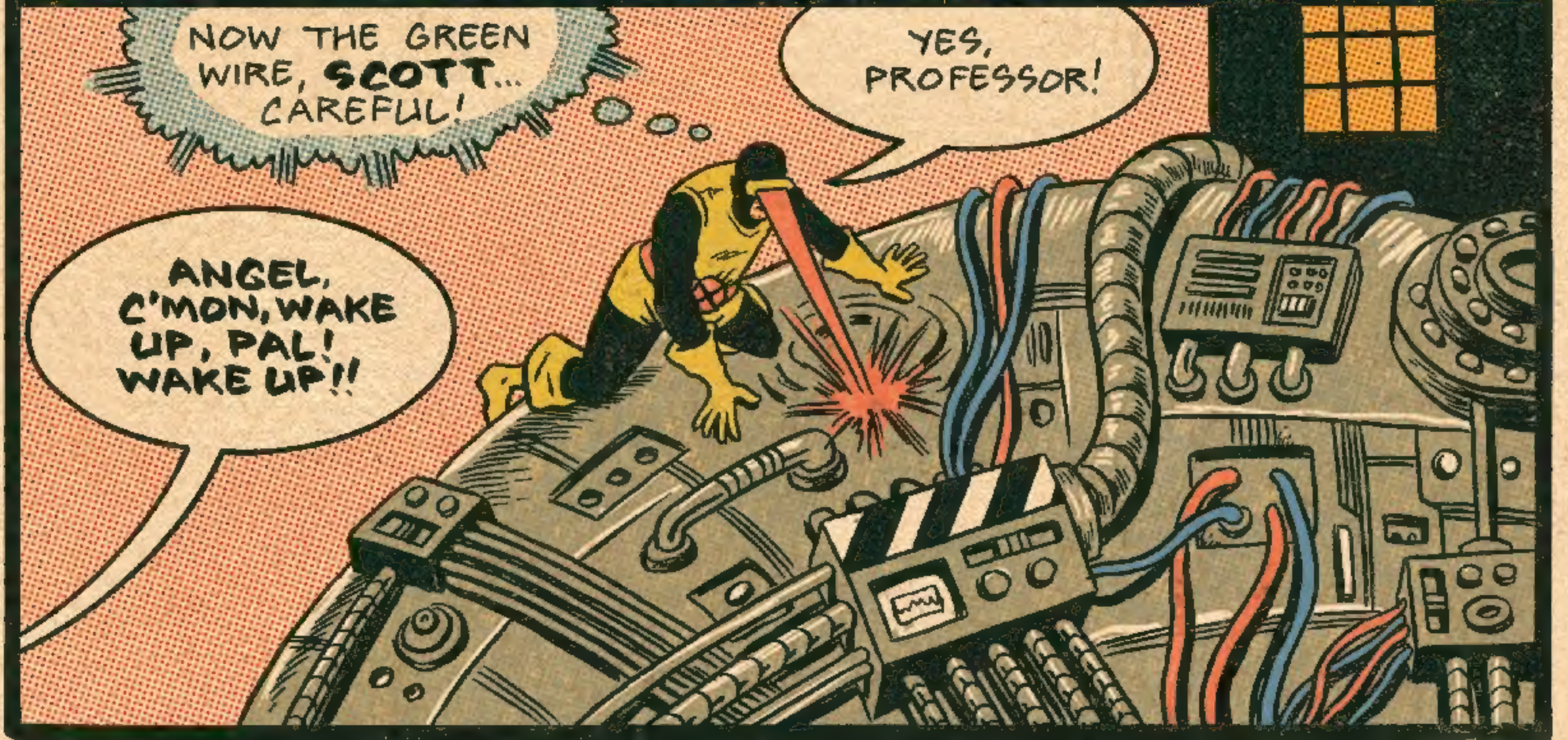
ONE OF MUTANT MASTER'S CHIEF LIEUTENANTS ON THE HUNT FOR THE **PHOENIX FORCE** IS **LUCIFER**, WHOSE MISSION RIGHT NOW IS TO PROCURE AS MUCH NUCLEAR MATERIAL AS HE CAN DISCOVER.

THIS AMOUNT OF **URANIUM** COULD ONLY LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT A MASSIVE BOMB IS IN THE WORKS. THE **X-MEN** MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO DISCOVER THE CULPRIT.

THEY ARE, TO SAY THE LEAST, VERY SLOPPY IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO APPREHEND **LUCIFER**.



WHILE THE **X-MEN** SEARCH FOR **LUCIFER'S** BODY, THEY UNEARTH A GIANT WARHEAD LINKED TO HIS HEARTBEAT FOR DETONATION.



OUT OF SIGHT FROM THE **X-MEN**, **LUCIFER** ADORNS HIS TRUE FORM, SLITHERS AWAY AND REPORTS VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE TO HIS LEADER.



HMMM... THERE WAS NO RADIO-ACTIVE SIGNATURE AROUND **LUCIFER'S** BOMB. WHY ELSE WOULD HE NEED THAT KIND OF **NUCLEAR** ENERGY?!



XAVIER SENSES A POSSIBLE CLUE SURROUNDING LUCIFER'S CRYPTIC PLANS...

CEREBRO IS ALERTING ME TO MUTANT ACTIVITY IN AN AREA I'VE NEVER EXPECTED.

ANTARCTICA...

NOT ARUBA... NOT TURKS AND CAICOS...

STRONG READINGS THROUGH THIS ROCK FOR SOME REASON.

THE SAVAGE LAND IS A SNAPSHOT OF EARTH FROM MILLIONS OF YEARS IN THE PAST WITH ONE MAJOR EXCEPTION: HUMANS ALSO INHABIT THIS AREA.

KA-ZAR AND THE X-MEN EVENTUALLY COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.

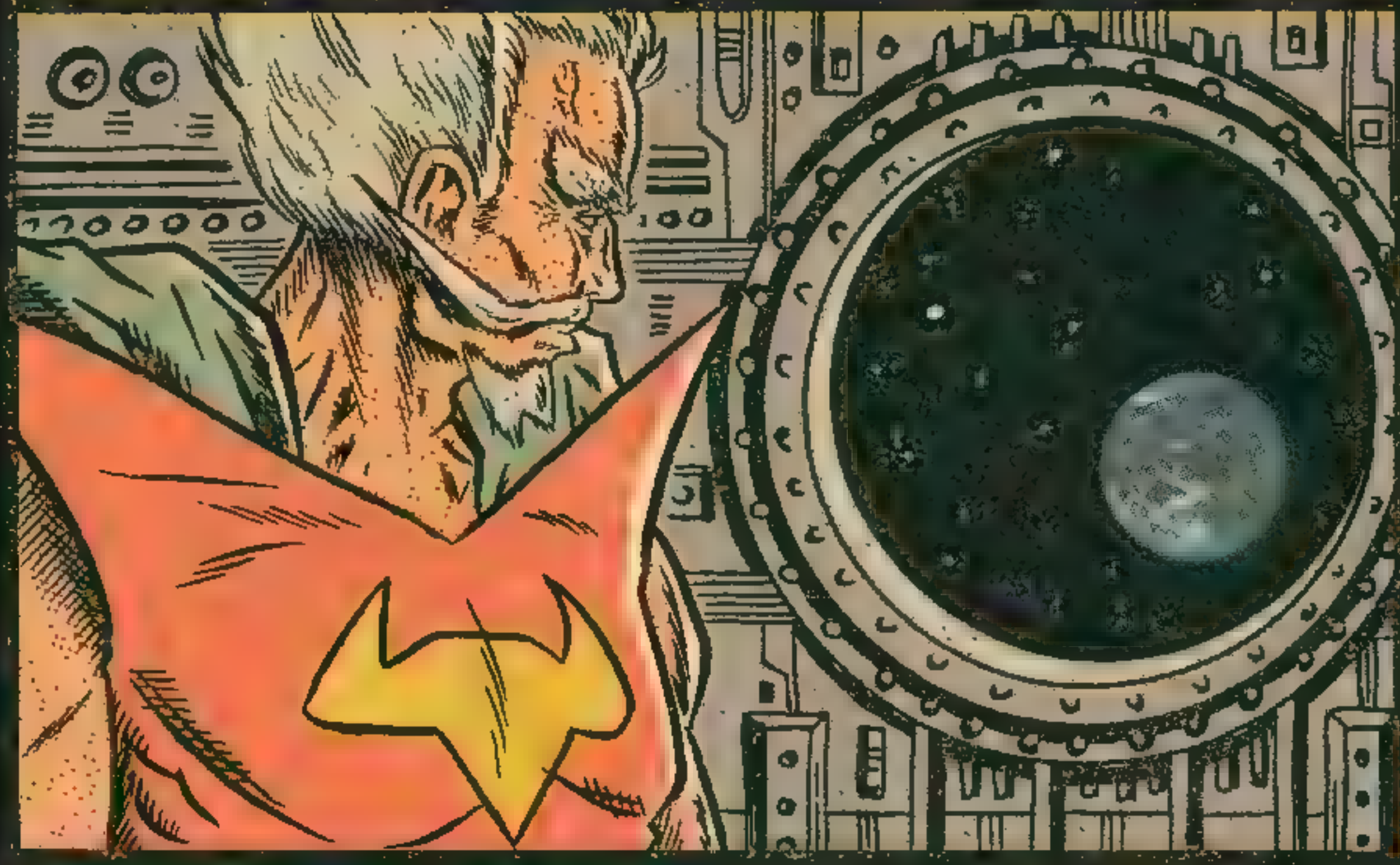
~pant...~

~wheeze~

THE X-MEN COULDN'T FIND THE MUTANT THEY'VE BEEN TRACKING, BUT KA-ZAR SHOWS THEM WHERE THE MUTANT HAD RECENTLY BEEN.

POOR BASTARDS.

A COSMIC BEING TAKES NOTE THAT THE **MUTANT MASTER** MAY BE CLOSE TO DISCOVERING THE NEXT HOST FOR THE **PHOENIX FORCE** ON EARTH.

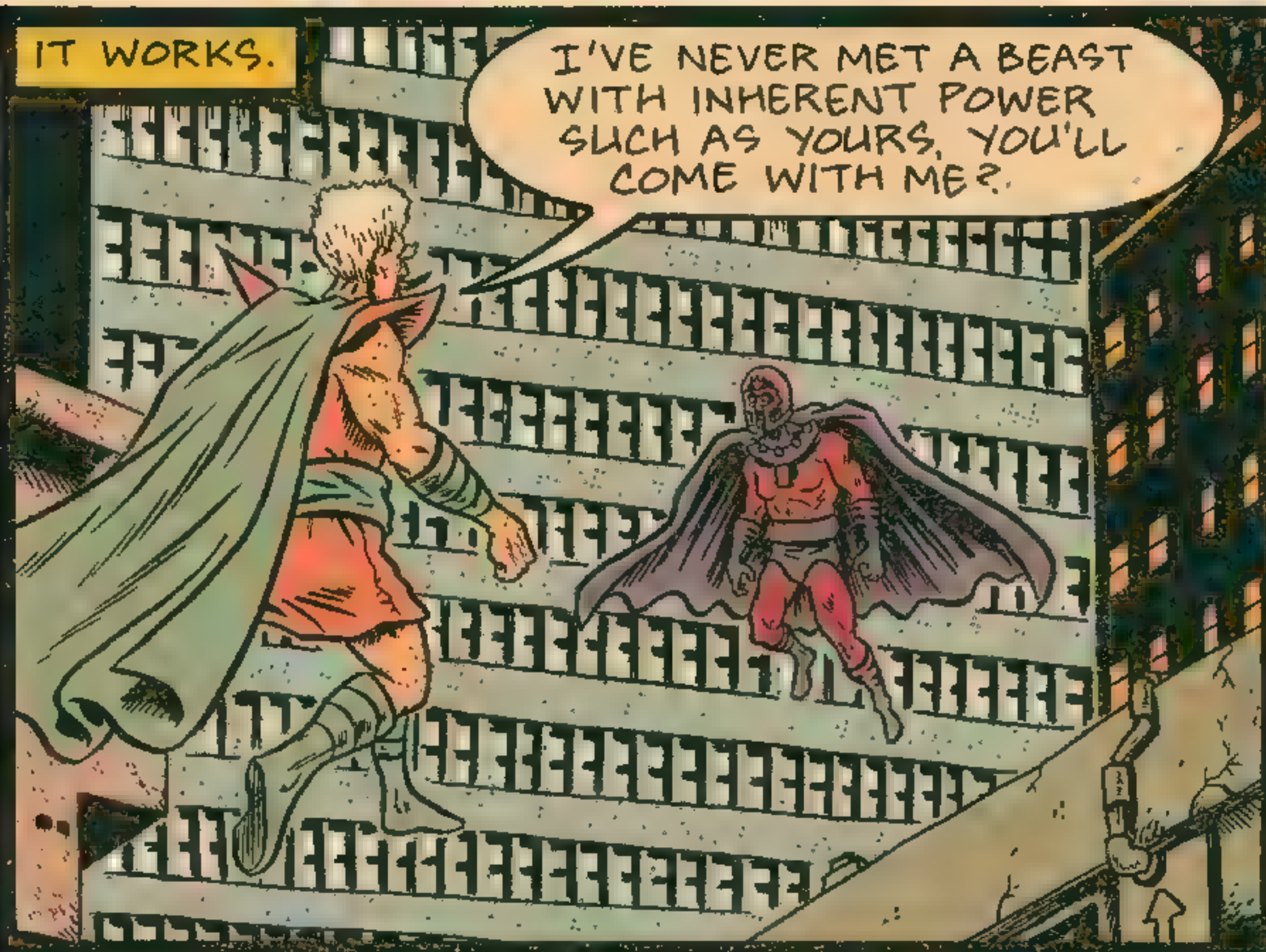


THE **STRANGER** STIRS THINGS UP TO TRY AND FLUSH OUT THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURES IN THE AREA.

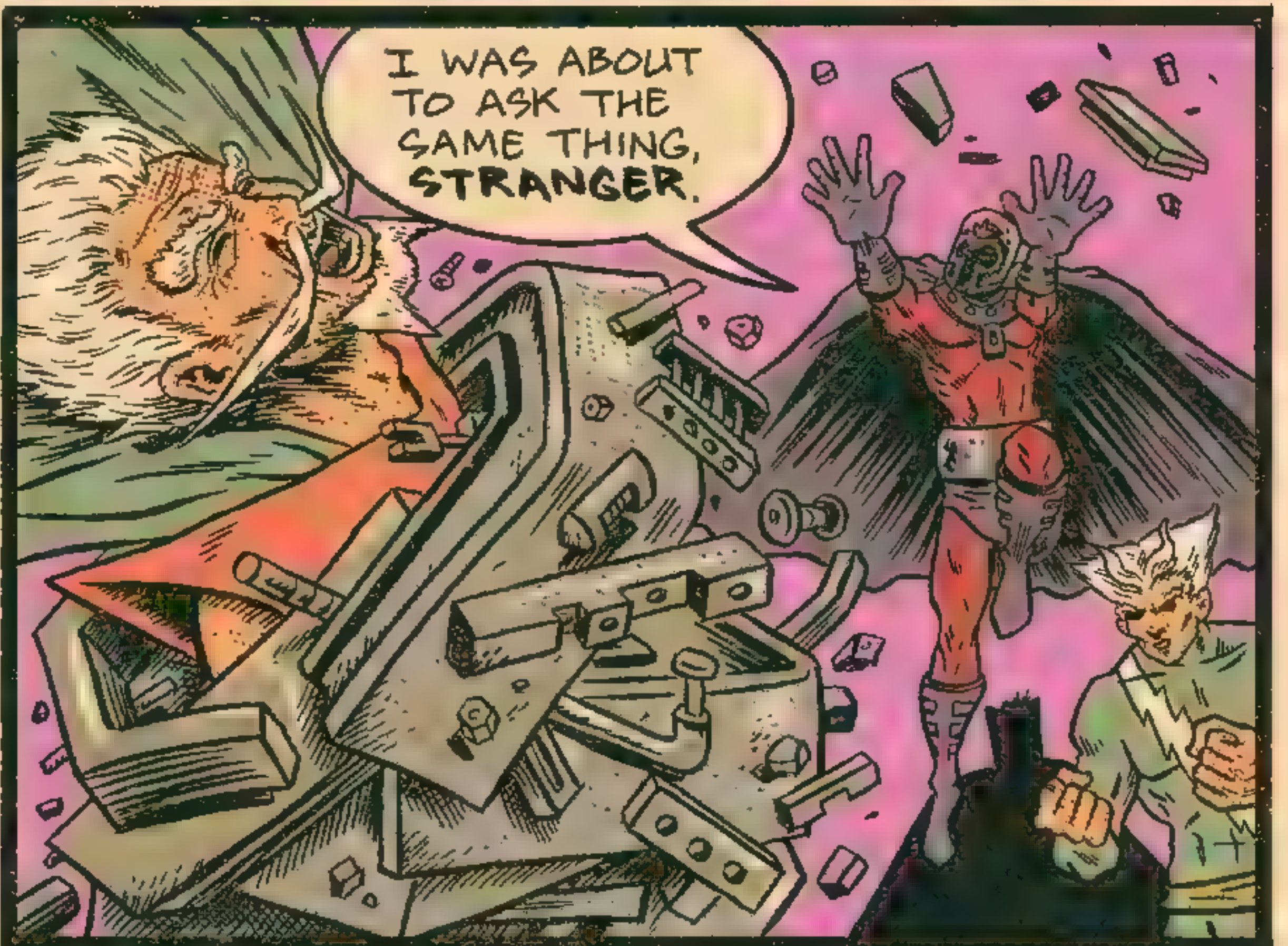


IT WORKS.

I'VE NEVER MET A BEAST WITH INHERENT POWER SUCH AS YOURS, YOU'LL COME WITH ME.



I WAS ABOUT TO ASK THE SAME THING, **STRANGER**.



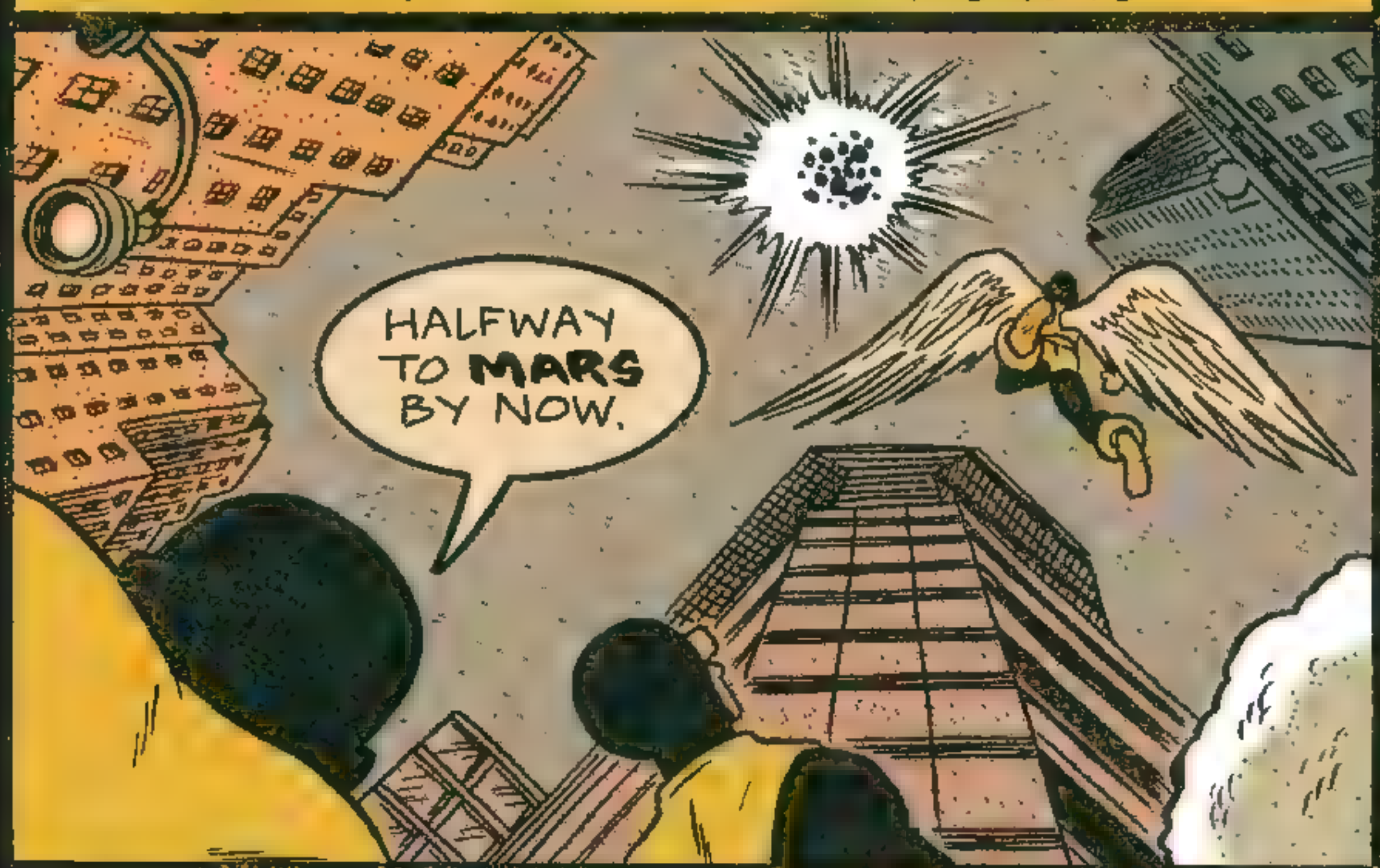
MASTERMIND CAUGHT THE WORST OF THE WHOLE EXCHANGE...

HARD AS A ROCK...



THE **STRANGER** REGISTERED AS A **MUTANT** VIA **CEREBRO**, BUT THE **X-MEN** ARRIVED JUST AFTER THE ALIEN DISAPPEARED WITH **MAGNETO**.

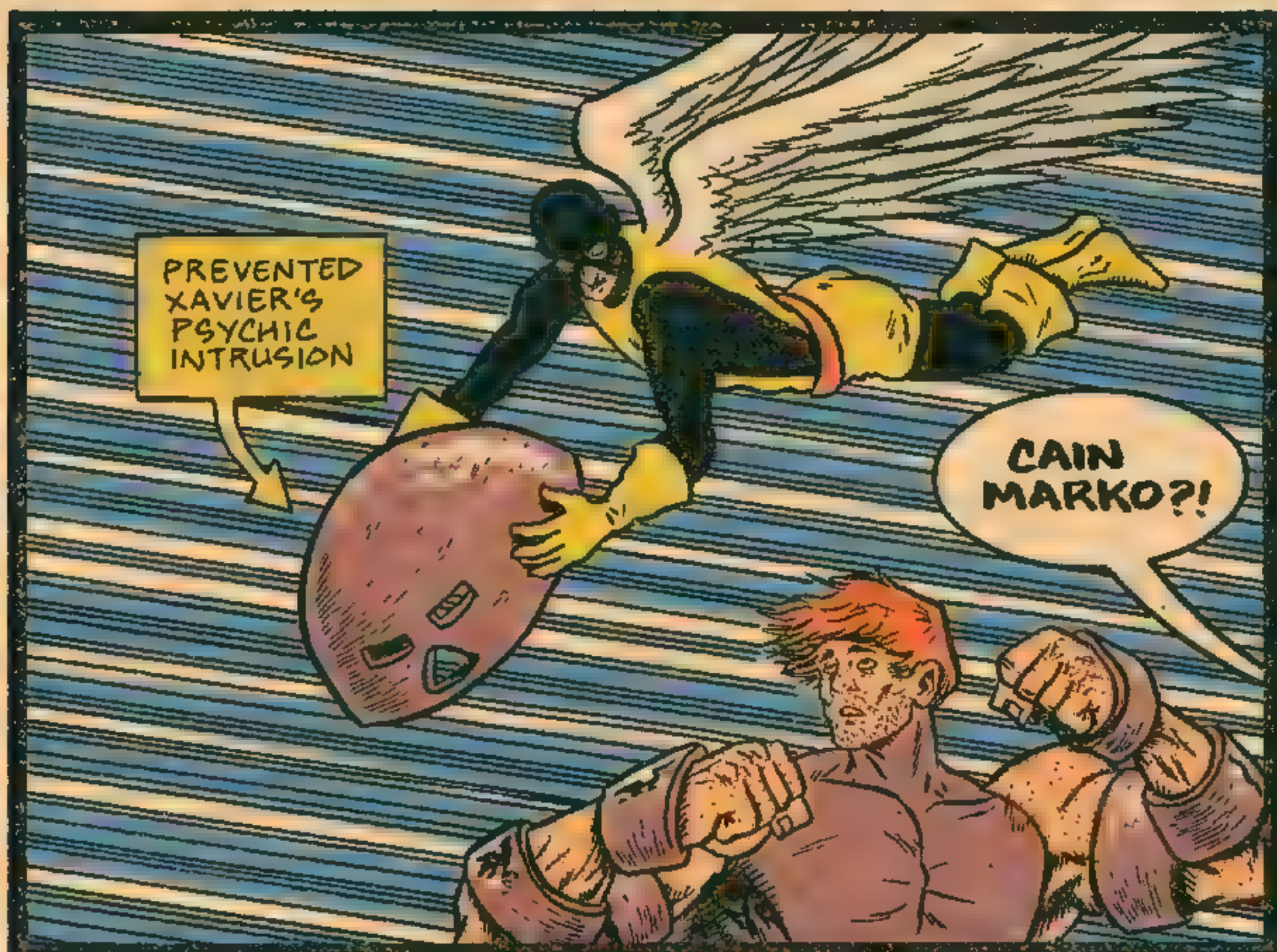
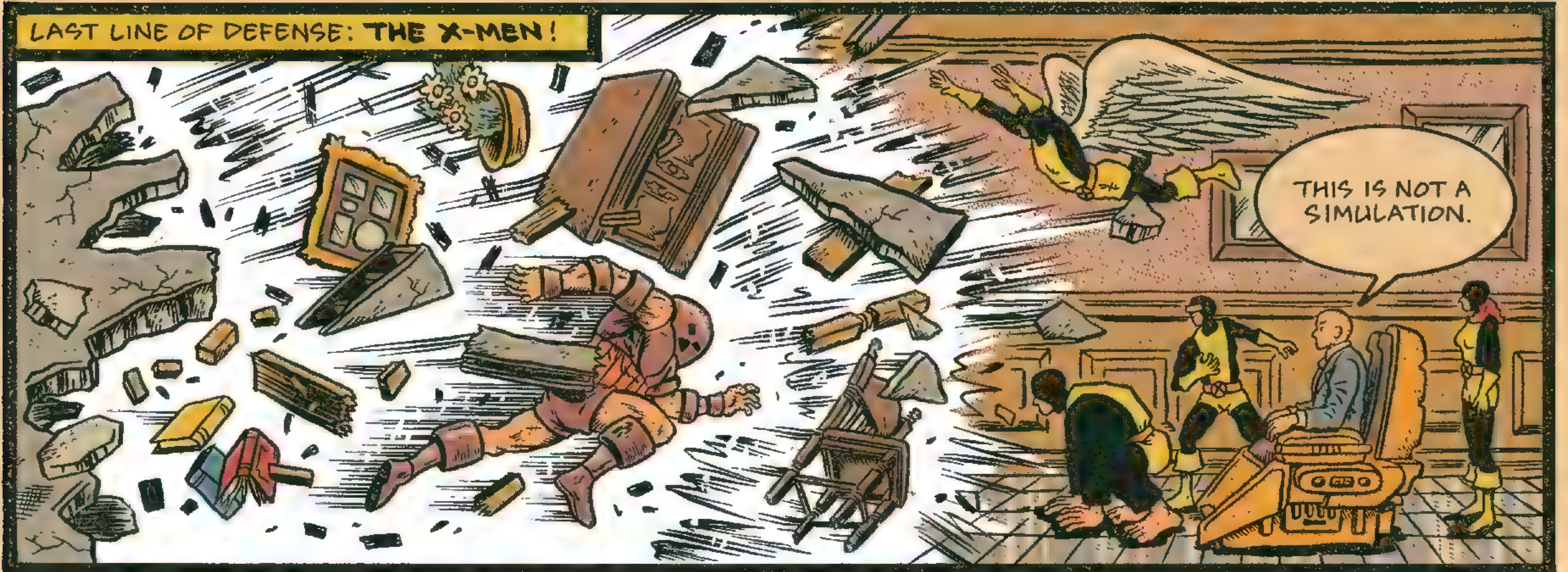
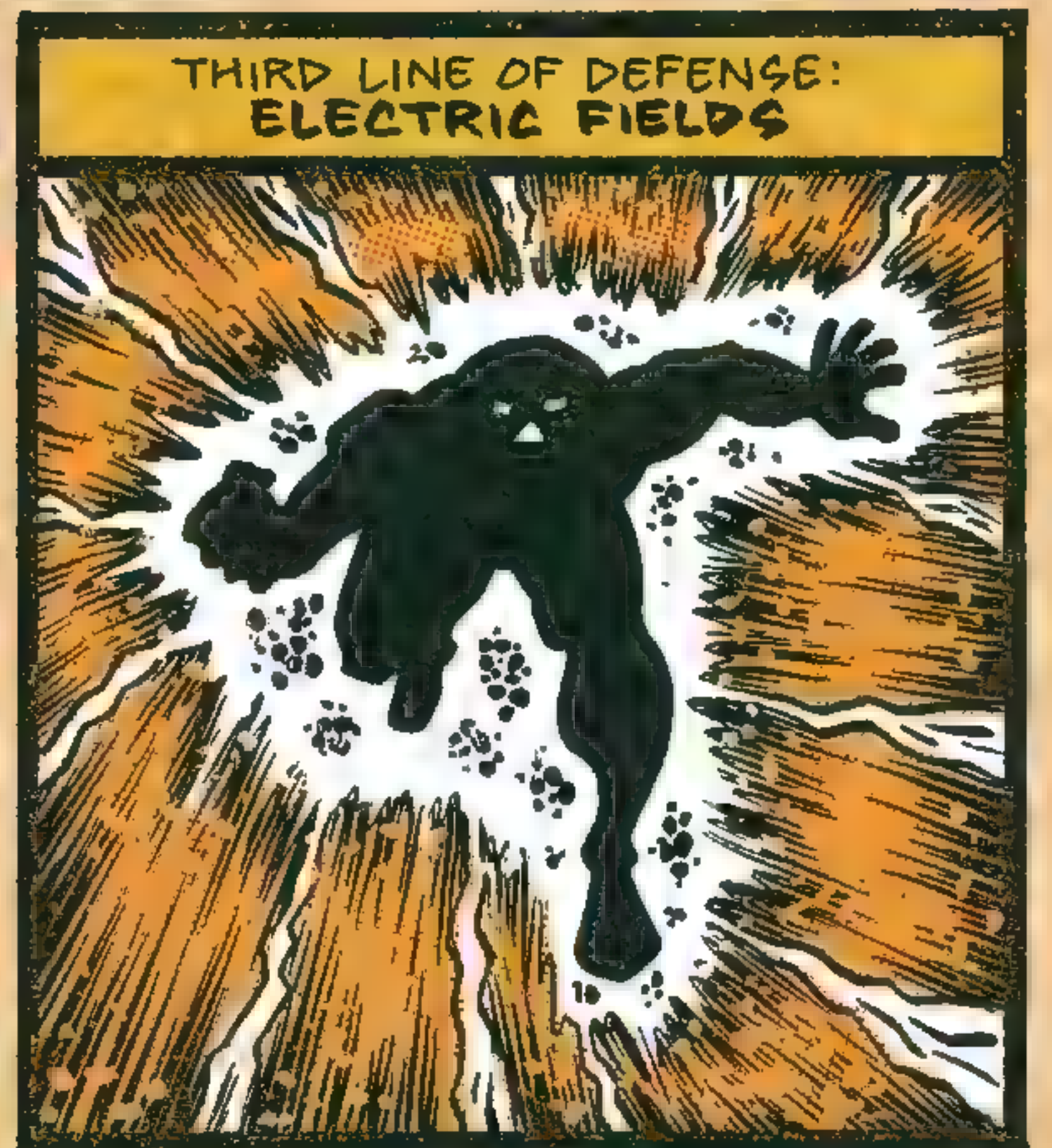
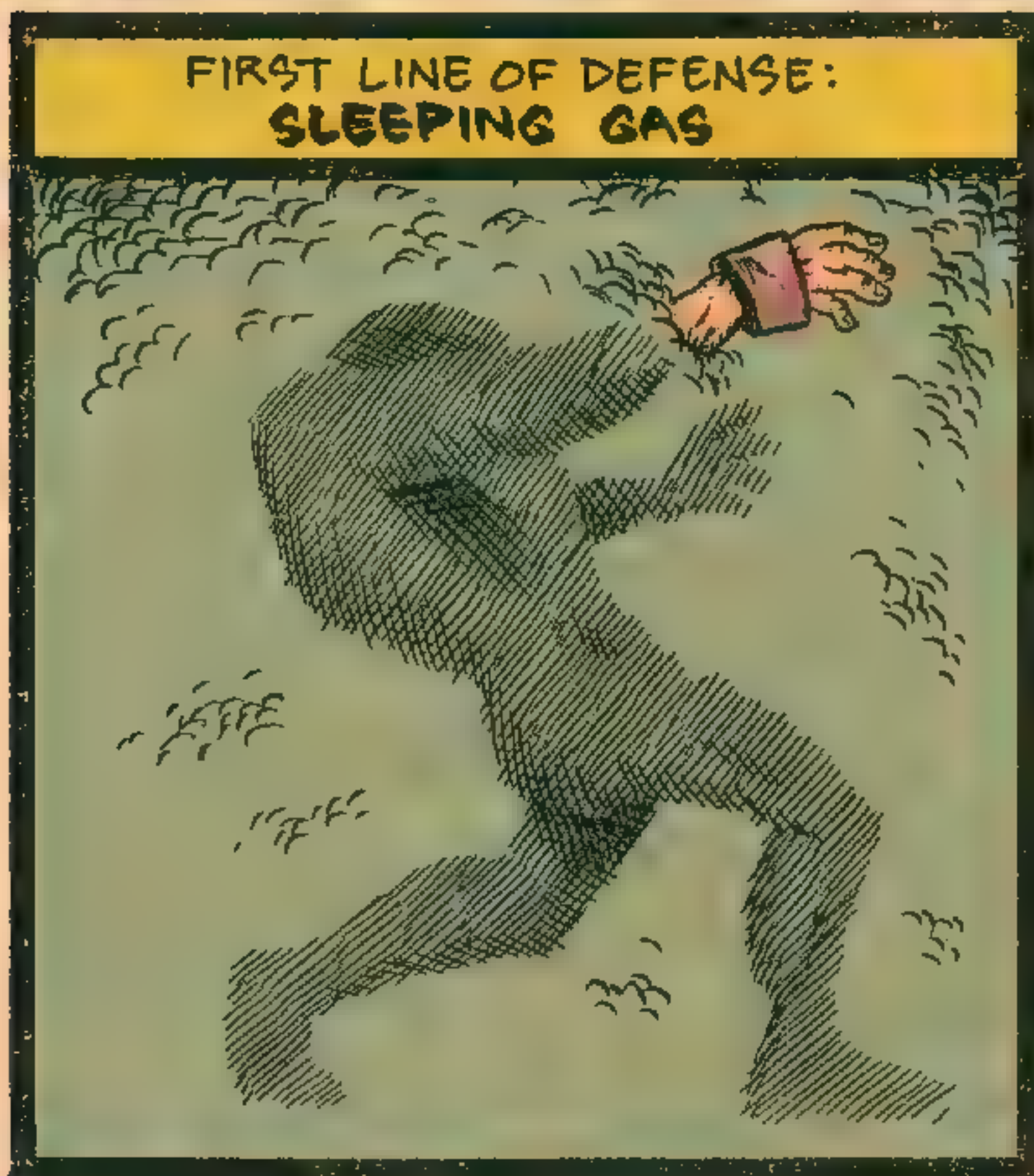
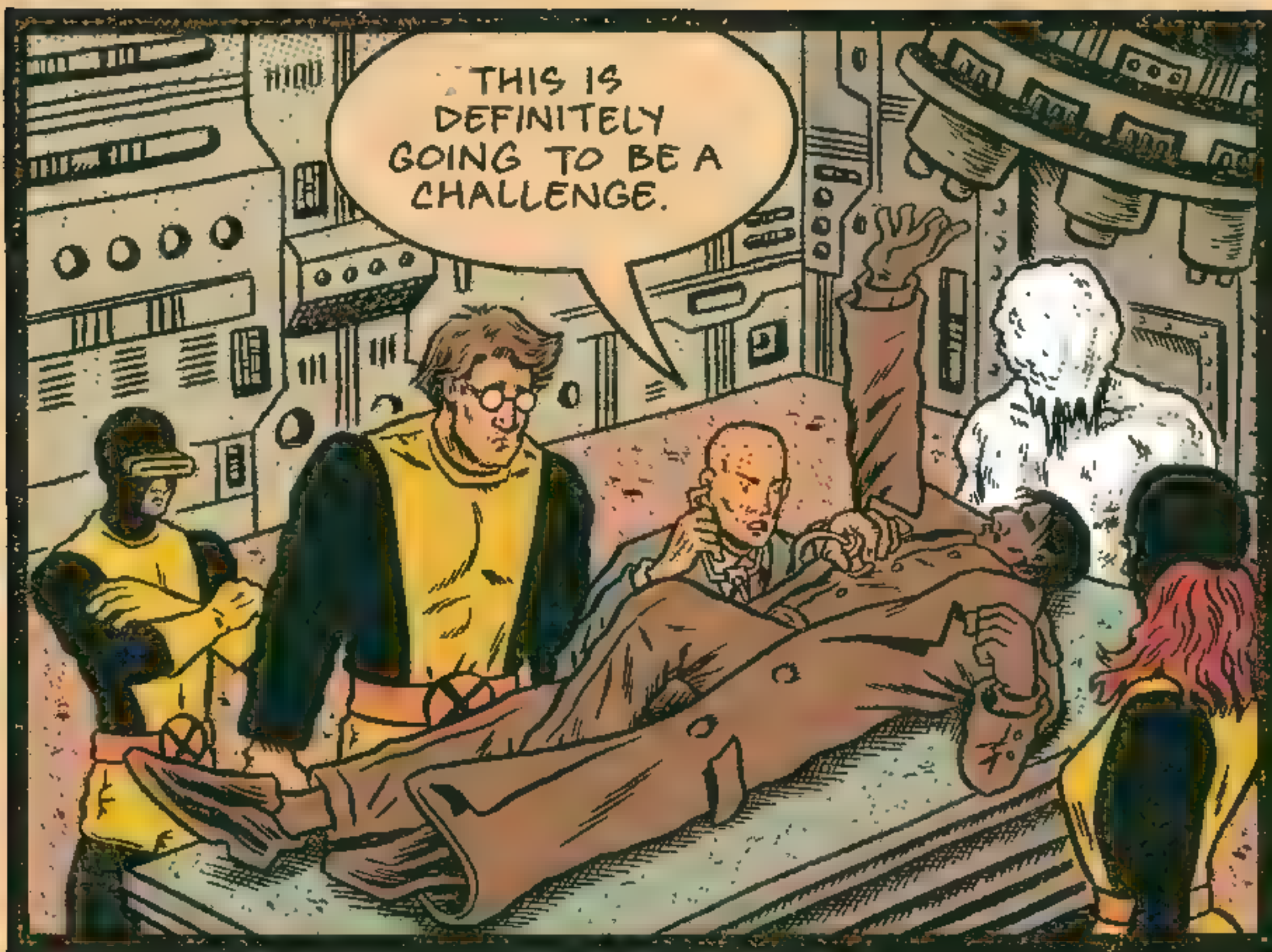
HALFWAY TO **MARS** BY NOW.



I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT I CAN FEEL **MASTERMIND** IS STILL ALIVE IN THAT SHELL.

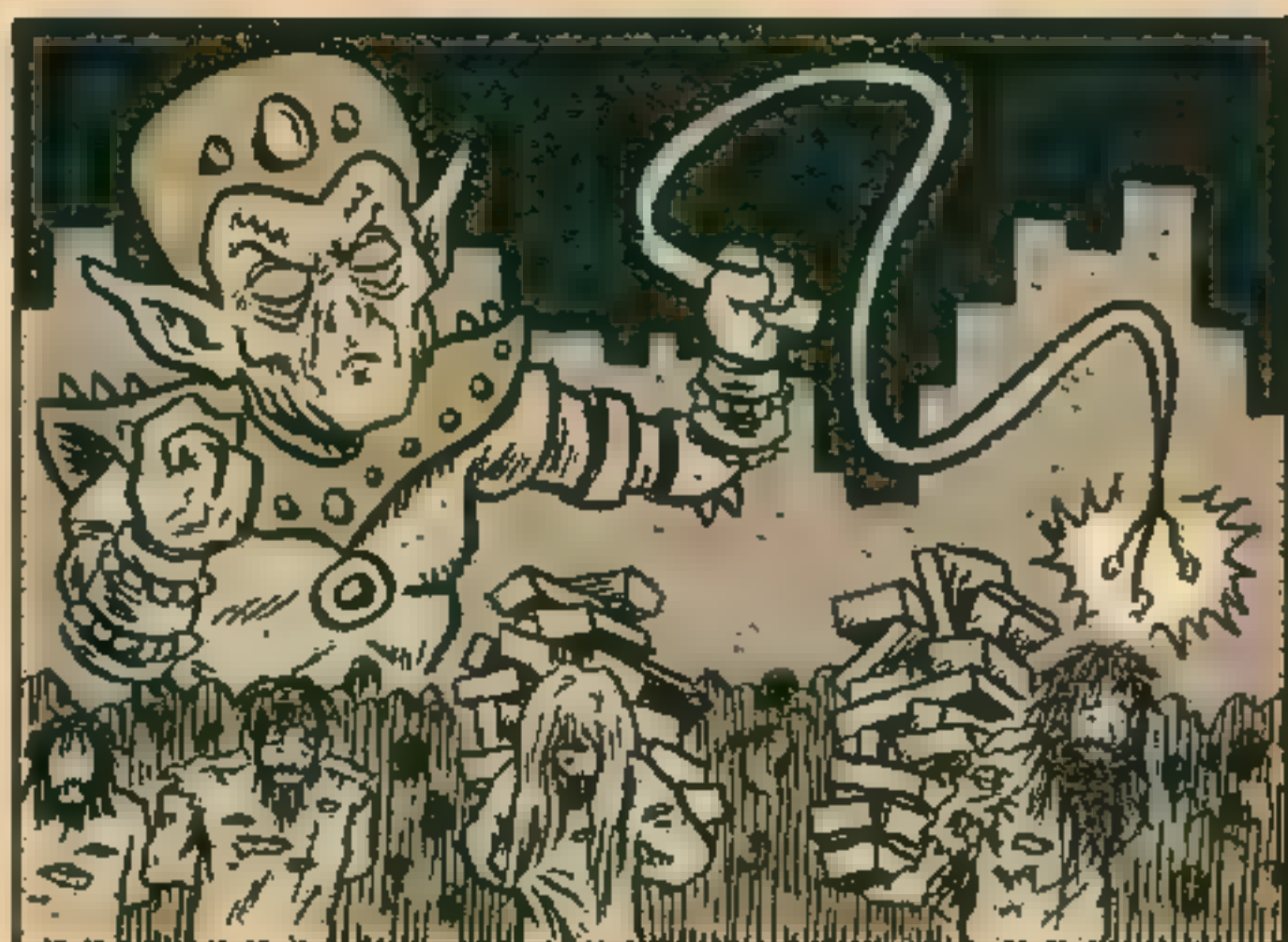
MAYBE THE **PROFESSOR** CAN HELP.





THE MASS MEDIA'S PROPAGANDA SURROUNDING ESCALATED MUTANT HOSTILITY IS REACHING A TIPPING POINT.

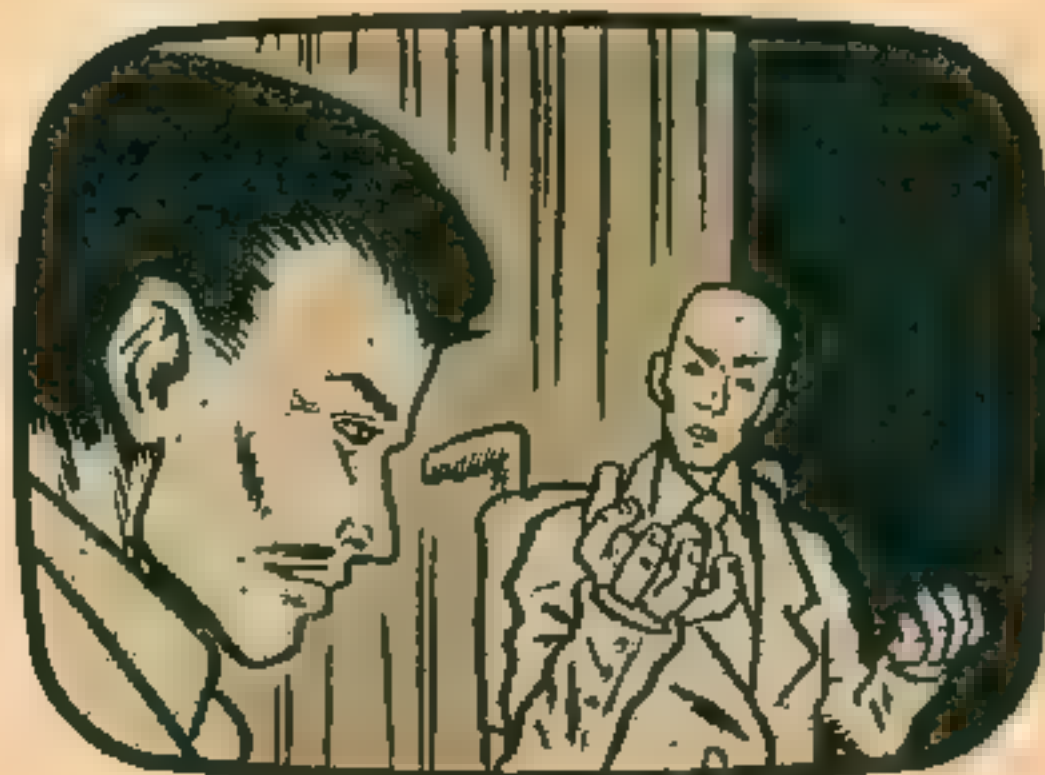
MUTANT MENACE!



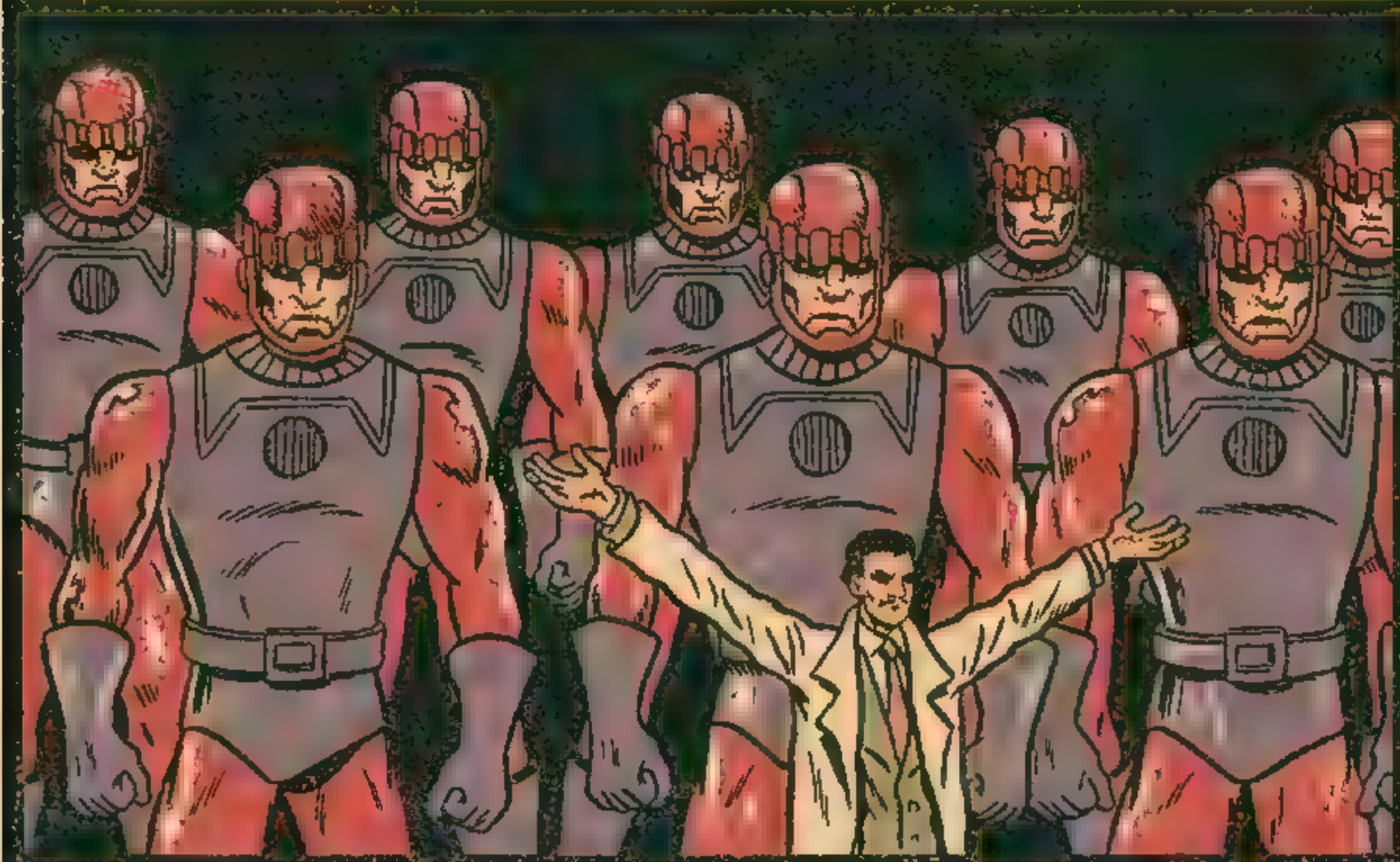
CHARLES XAVIER HOPED FOR INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE. DURING HIS TELEVISED DEBATE.

"MR. TRASK, IF YOU ARE PROPOSING TO HUNT DOWN MUTANTS LIKE DOGS..."

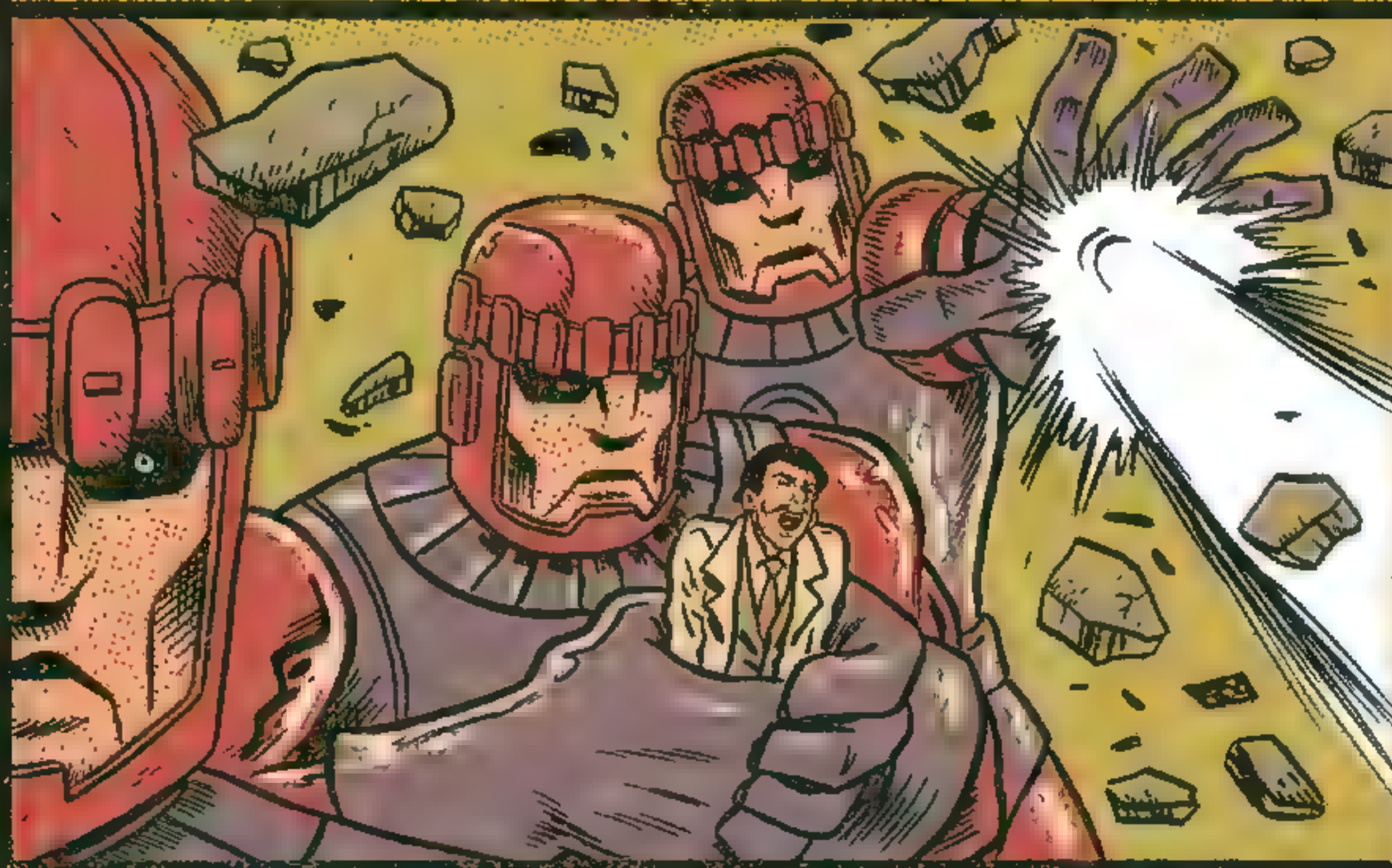
"...THEN HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY CALL OUT-SPOKEN MUTANTS 'PARANOID'?"



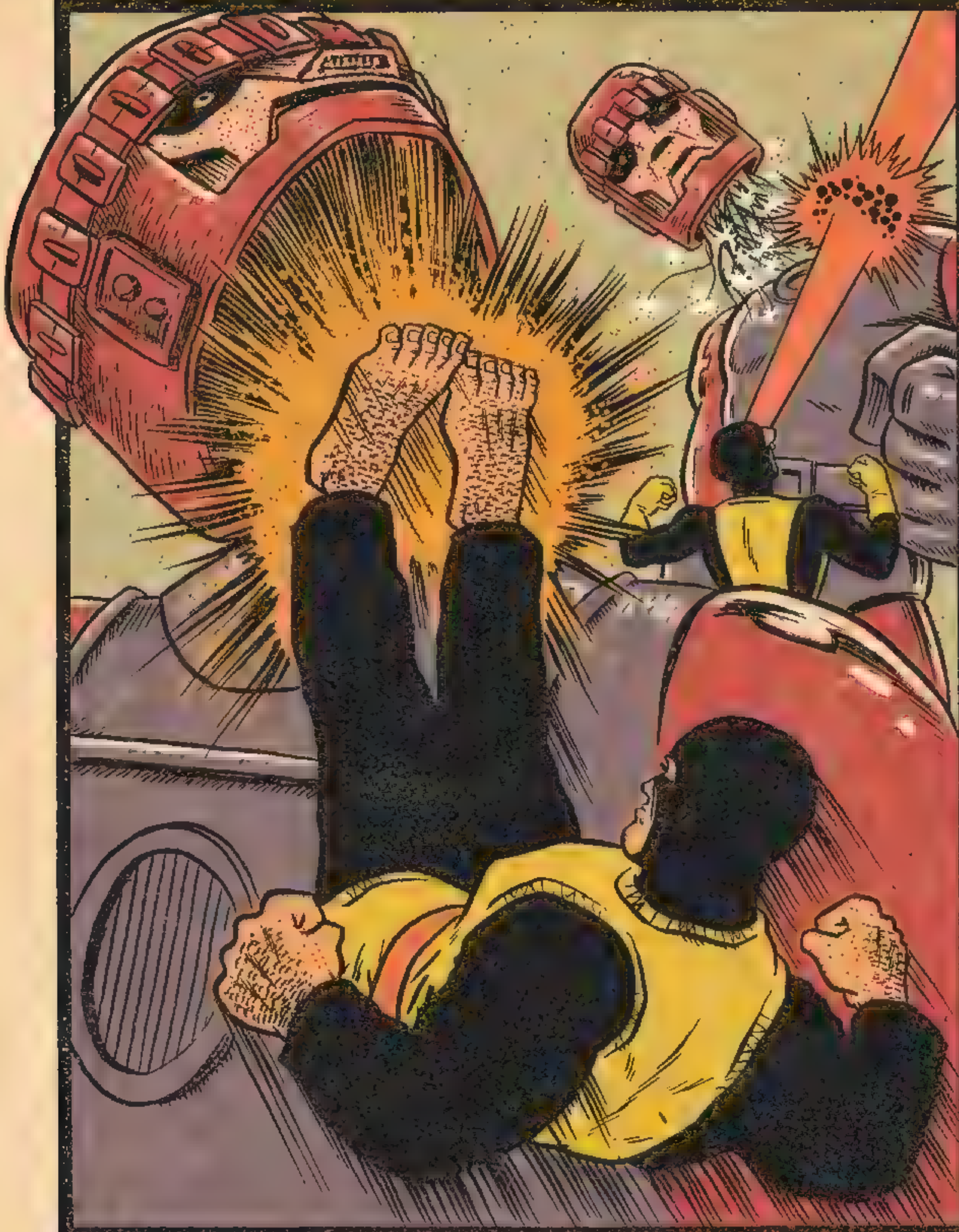
UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONVERSATION COULD BE MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS A COMMERCIAL FOR BOLIVAR TRASK'S DEVIOUS GOALS.



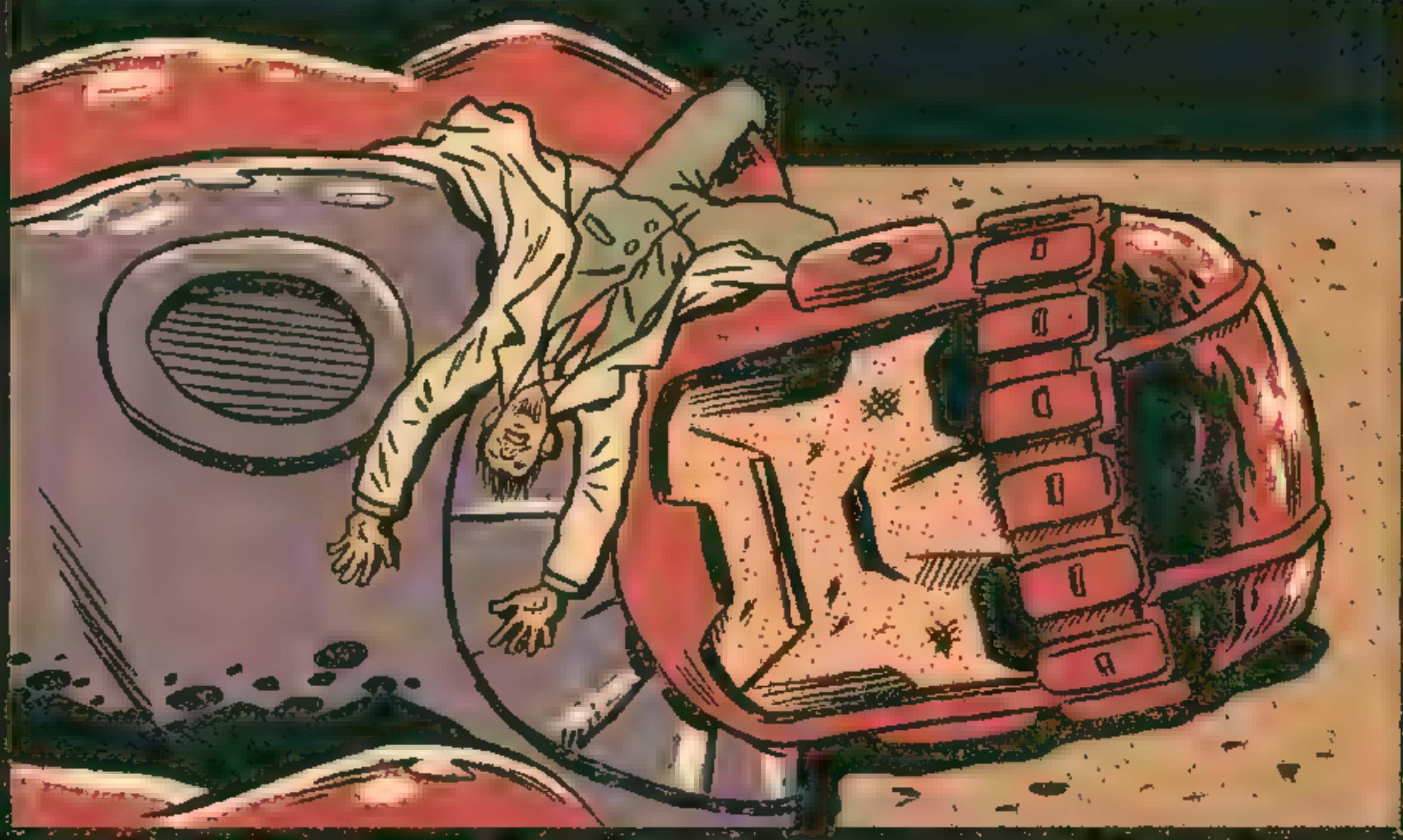
THE SENTINELS EXCEL AT MUTANT DETECTION. THE UNFORSEEN ISSUE IS THAT THEY'LL DESTROY ANYTHING BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR TARGET.



THE SYNERGY OF THE X-MEN HAD TO BE FLAWLESS TO OVERCOME THE ROBOT PROTOTYPES AND EVEN STILL, THE MUTANT TEENAGERS ALMOST MET THEIR MATCH.



THE ONLY CASUALTY IN THE SCUFFLE IS THE CREATOR OF THESE DISCRIMINATORY WAR MACHINES.



BOLIVAR TRASK'S SON, LAWRENCE, KNOWS WHAT TO DO TO CARRY ON THE VISION OF THEIR SECRET CABAL, THE RIGHT.

I KNOW THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE MASTER MOLD.

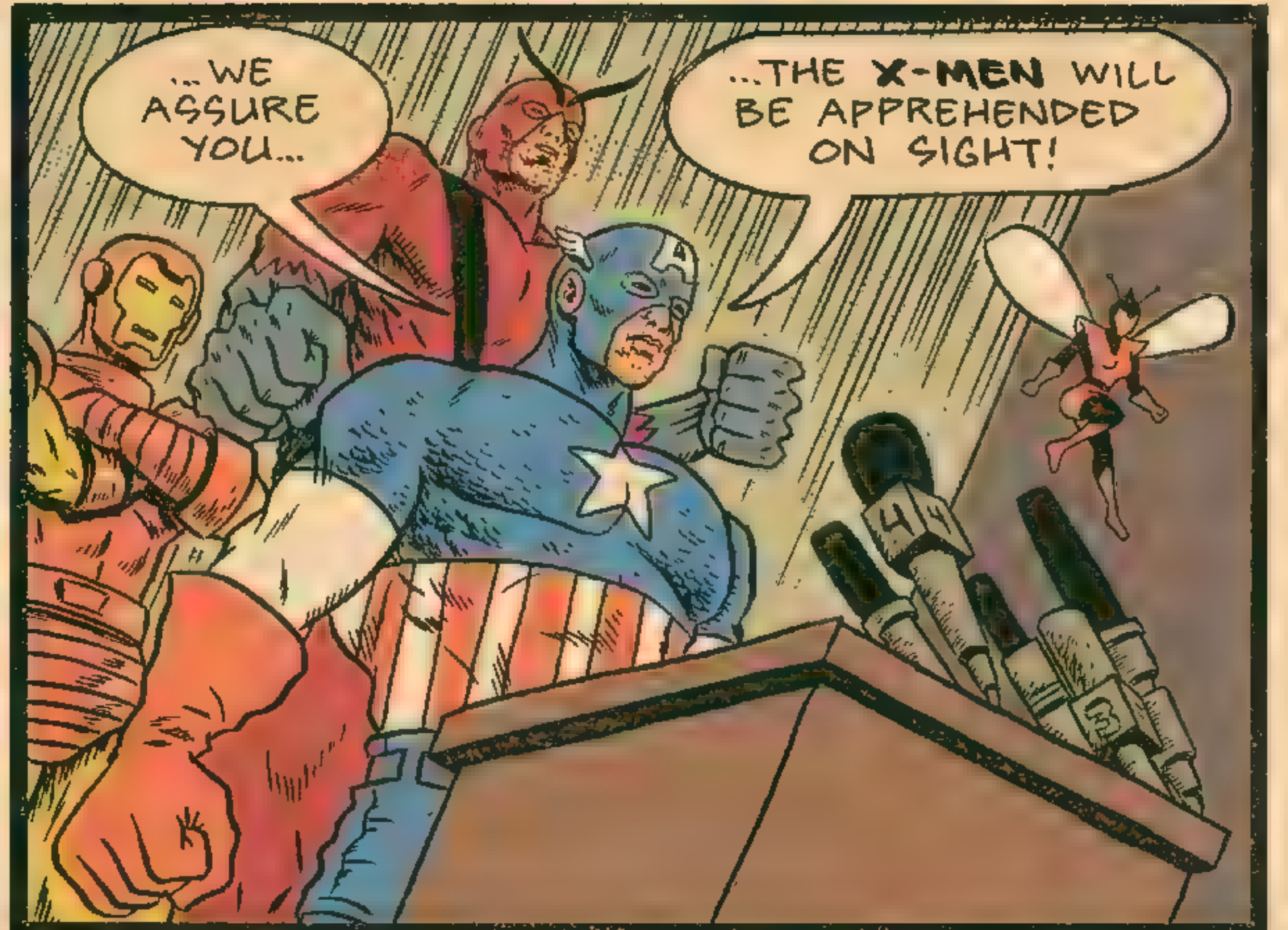
WE CAN BEGIN PRODUCTION AGAIN SHORTLY.



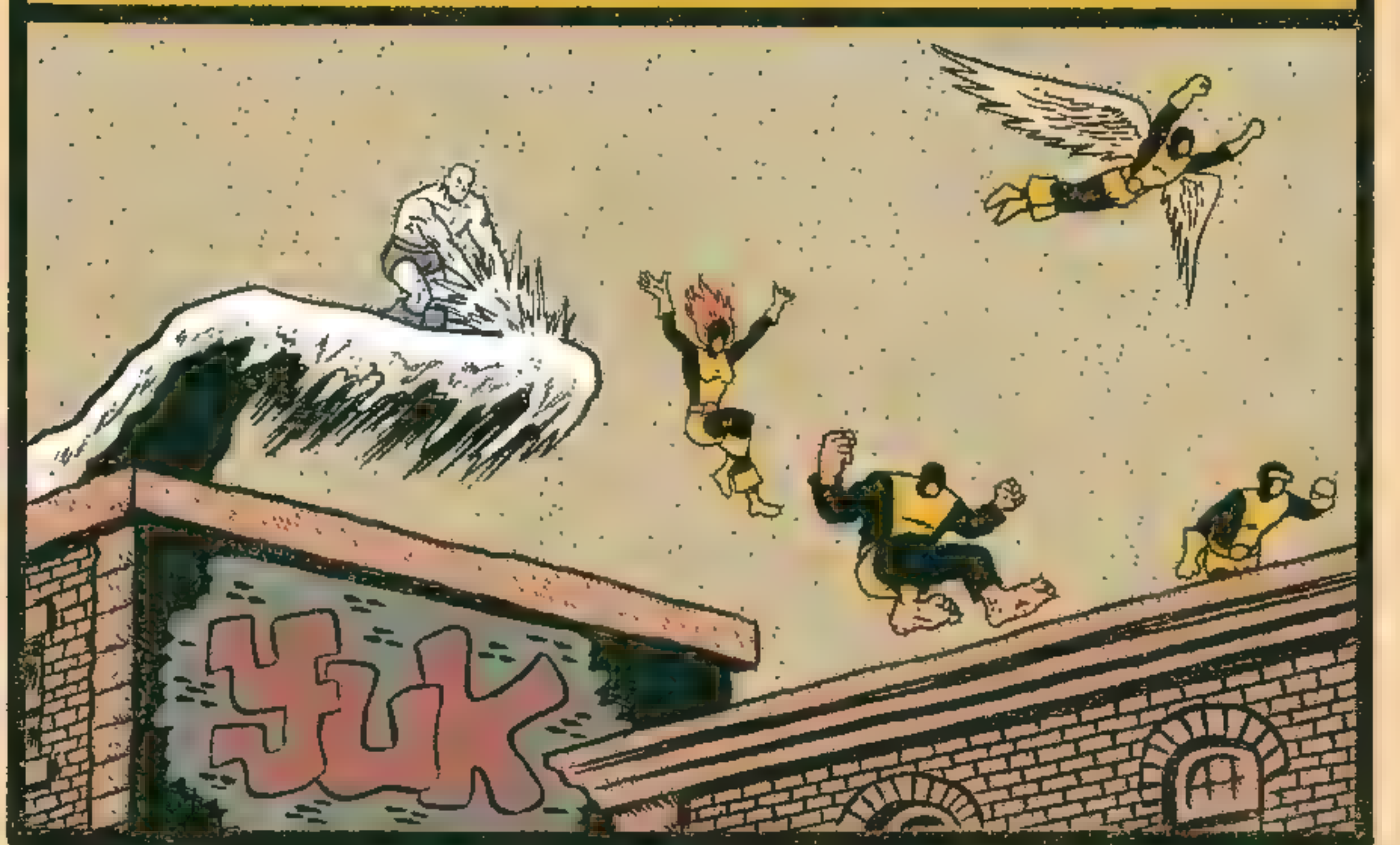
ONCE THE EXCITEMENT OF BATTLE WORE OFF, THE X-MEN REALIZED THEY WERE DAMAGED FAR WORSE THAN THEY THOUGHT.



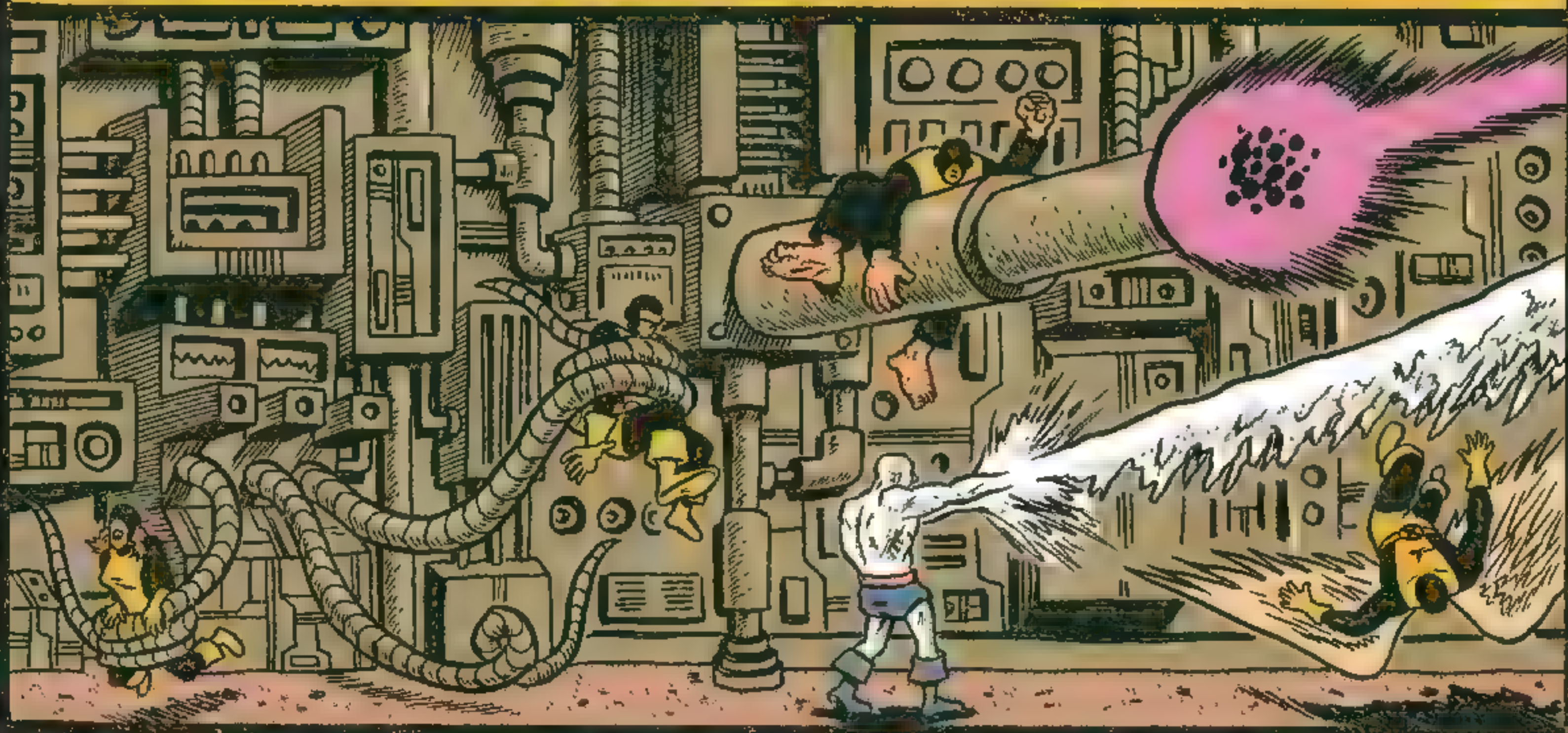
WHILE THE X-MEN ARE OUT OF COMMISSION, **MUTANT MASTER** TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE AS MUCH FEAR, HATE AND DISTRUST AGAINST THEM AS POSSIBLE.



THE CONVALESCING MUTANTS ARE FORCED TO DISRUPT THEIR RECOVERY IN HOPES OF DISCOVERING THE SOURCE OF THE SMEAR CAMPAIGN.



THE TRAIL LEADS TO A WEAPONIZED SUPERCOMPUTER MORE POWERFUL THAN **CEREBRO**. THE MACHINE, **DOMINUS**, KNEW THE X-MEN WERE ON THEIR WAY AND HAD TIME TO PREPARE.



AFTER BEING DISMANTLED BY THE X-MEN, **BEAST** REALIZES THE COMPUTER WAS POWERED BY TREMENDOUS NUCLEAR ENERGY.



COUNT NEFARIA HAS BIG PLANS OF DOMINATION AND KNOWS THAT PATIENCE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

YOU SAY A LIFE-SIZE HOLOGRAM IS POSSIBLE, TINKERER?

YESSIR.

HIS FIRST TASK IS TO CONTINUE DISCREDITING THE X-MEN.

A MUTIE!

RUN!

WHOA!

AAAH!

NEFARIA KEEPS THE RUSE GOING BY SIMULATING THE YOUNG MUTANTS' HOSTILE TAKEOVER OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

THE X-MEN PROVE IT'S ALL A CHAFADE AS THEY MEET COUNT NEFARIA'S HATCHET MEN HEAD-ON.

THE DEFEAT OF NEFARIA'S LOWLY MERCENARIES IS A PYRRHIC VICTORY FOR XAVIER'S DISCIPLES...

HEROES OR VILLAINS?

THE VILLAIN'S TRUE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHILE THE X-MEN HAD THEIR HANDS FULL.

YOU SAY THE DEVICE CAN ESCAPE ANY METAL DETECTION, TINKERER?

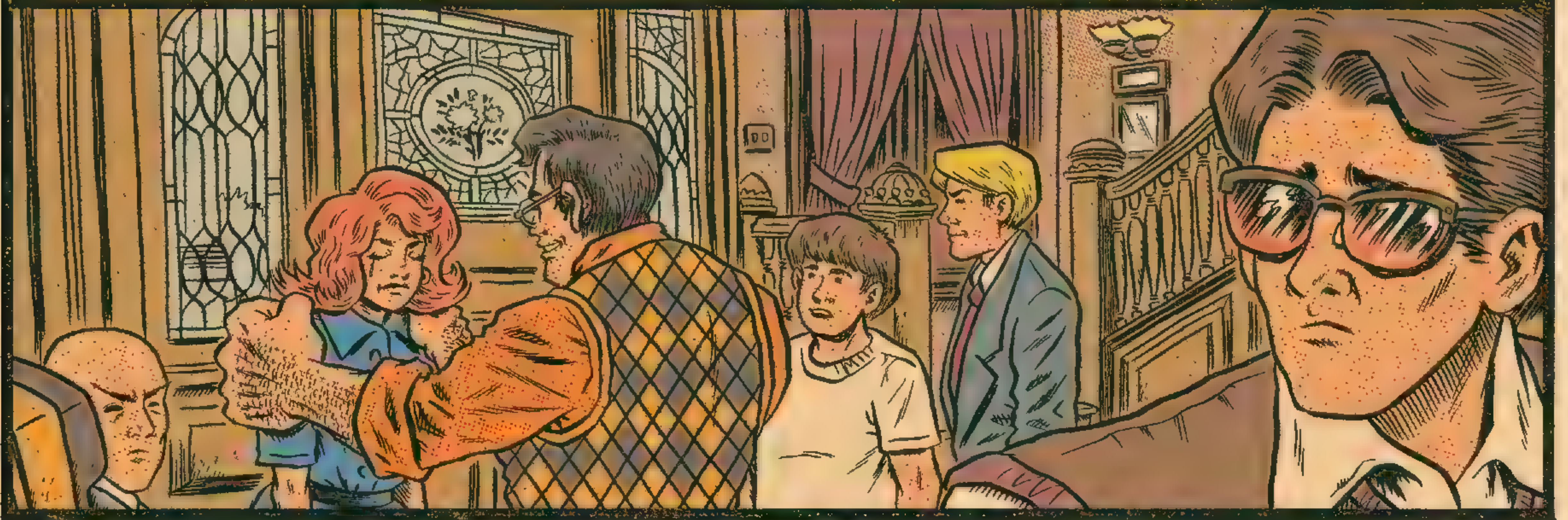
YESSIR.

NEFARIA KNOWS THIS TRUCK WILL BE HEADING TO NORAD EVENTUALLY...

GOOD. VERY GOOD.

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME TO BE AN X-MAN. I... I THINK... I'M FINISHED.

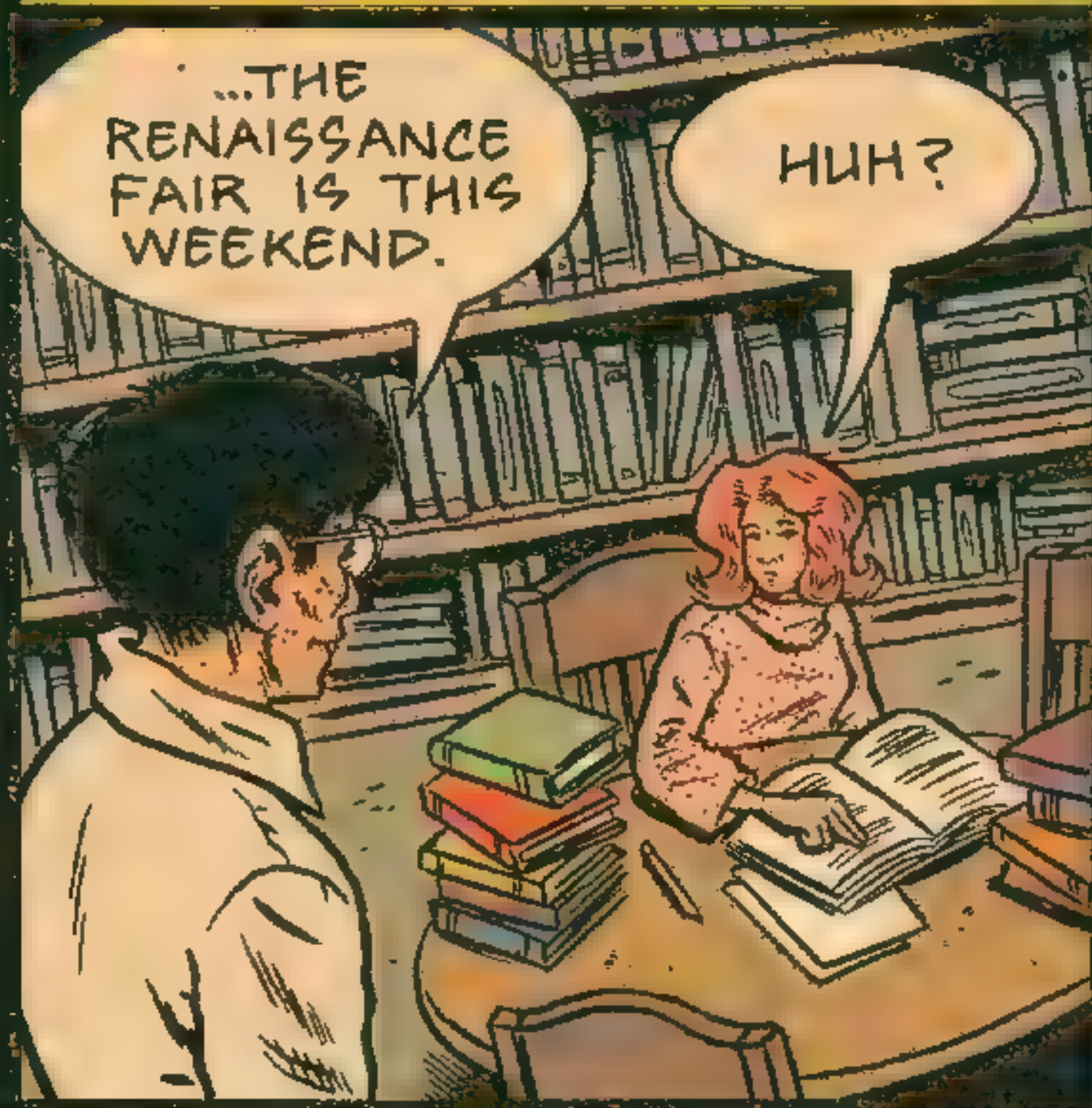
TRY AS THEY MAY, THE X-MEN CAN'T CONVINCE JEAN GREY TO STAY WITH THE TEAM.



JEAN'S TRANSITION INTO A PURELY ACADEMIC LIFE WOULD ALWAYS BE TESTED AS NEW CATASTROPHES BEFALL THE CITY OF NEW YORK.



SHE WOULD DROWN HERSELF IN HER STUDIES AS A DISTRACTION.



...THE RENAISSANCE FAIR IS THIS WEEKEND.

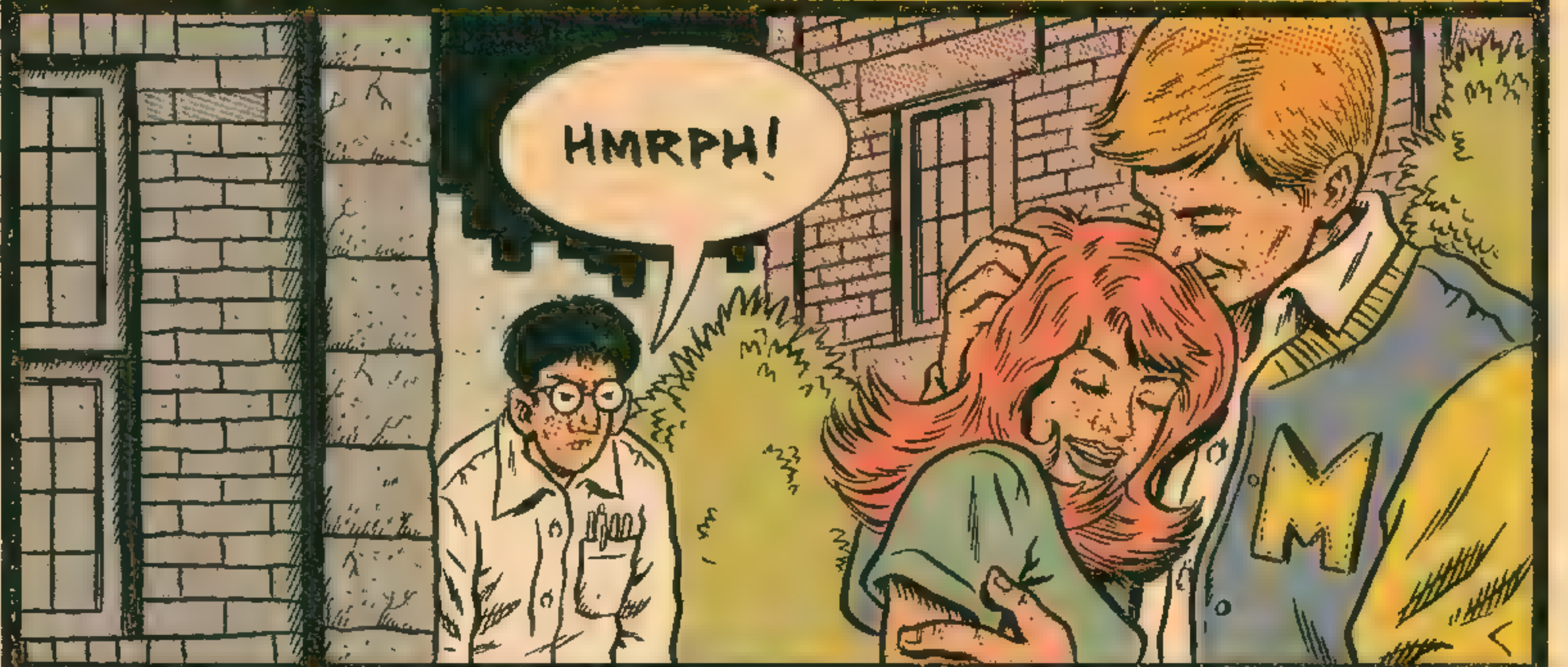
HUH?

I HAVE TO GET BACK. THIS WAS FUN, THOUGH, MORDECAI.

...UM, ARE YOU SURE? UHH... OKAY...

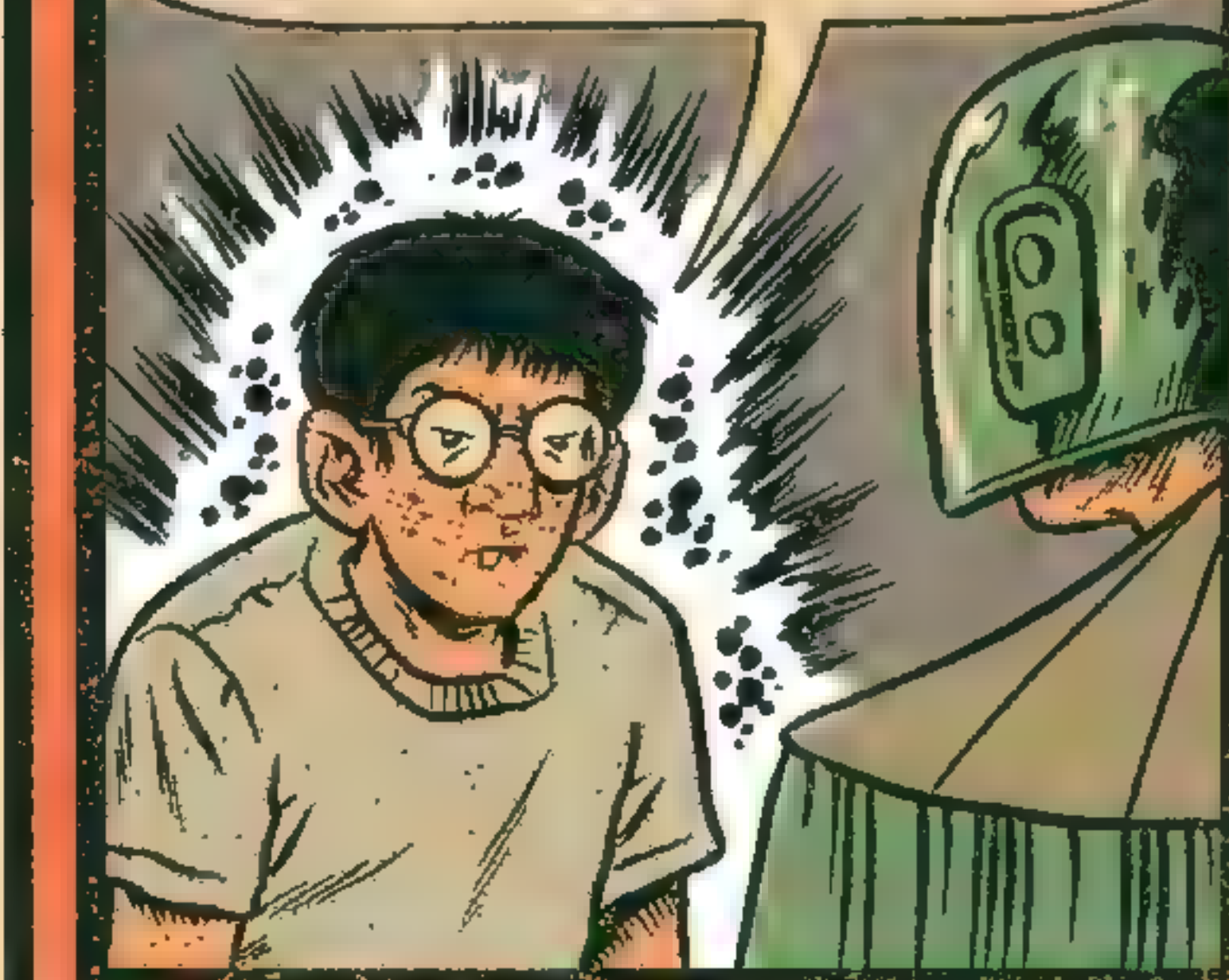


WHEN JEAN WAS ABLE TO PUSH HER AFFECTIONS FOR SCOTT SUMMERS TO THE BACK OF HER MIND, HER ROMANTIC INTERESTS BECAME ENTERTAINED BY TED ROBERTS, A STAR ATHLETE AT METRO UNIVERSITY.



HMRPH!

I CONFESS MY FIRST ATTEMPT WAS A FAILURE, BUT I'M LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT HER...



WE'LL GET HER...

I PROMISE SHE'LL BE OURS!



CALVIN RANKIN HAS THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO MIMIC THE ATTRIBUTES OF FELLOW MUTANTS WITHIN A CLOSE PROXIMITY.

A classroom scene where Calvin Rankin, a young man with dark hair, is mimicking Jean Grey, who is sitting at a desk in the foreground. Other students are visible in the background, some looking on with interest.

DOES THAT RED-HEAD GIRL THINK IT'S CREEPY YOU'RE IN EVERY CLASS SHE TAKES?

I DON'T GIVE A CRAP.

A close-up of Calvin Rankin and a classmate. The classmate is speaking to Calvin, who has a dismissive expression.

HE'S NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO EXPLOIT SUCH A POWERFUL MUTANT AS JEAN GREY.

GREAT JOB ONCE AGAIN, RANKIN.

ACADEMICS IS, LIKE, IMPORTANT STUFF, PROF.

Calvin Rankin is in a classroom, standing near a desk. A teacher is speaking to him, and another student is in the background.

ONE DRAWBACK TO RANKIN'S POWER IS THAT HE DOESN'T NECESSARILY KNOW WHEN HE'S NEAR A MUTANT UNTIL IT'S TRIGGERED INVOLUNTARILY.

JEANNIE! LONG TIME NO SEE!

WHERE'S SCOTT?

Calvin Rankin is shown with large, feathered wings, mimicking Jean Grey's telekinetic powers. He is looking towards a group of people outside a building.

A STINKIN' GENE-JOKE!

TAG 'IM AN' BAG 'IM!!

Calvin Rankin is in a physical confrontation with a group of children. He is using his mimicked powers to throw them around.

STOP PLUMMELLING THOSE KIDS.

OR WHAT?

A man is confronting Calvin Rankin, who is still in his winged form. The man is telling him to stop throwing the kids.

Calvin Rankin is fighting a man who is also in a winged form. They are engaged in a physical struggle.

CALVIN RANKIN. YOU HAVE PROVED YOUR POINT.

STEP OUT OF MY WAY, CUE-BALL

Calvin Rankin is standing in front of a large, classical-style building. He is looking towards a man who is speaking to him.

I'LL BE HAPPY TO MOVE ASIDE, BUT FIRST, A QUERY...

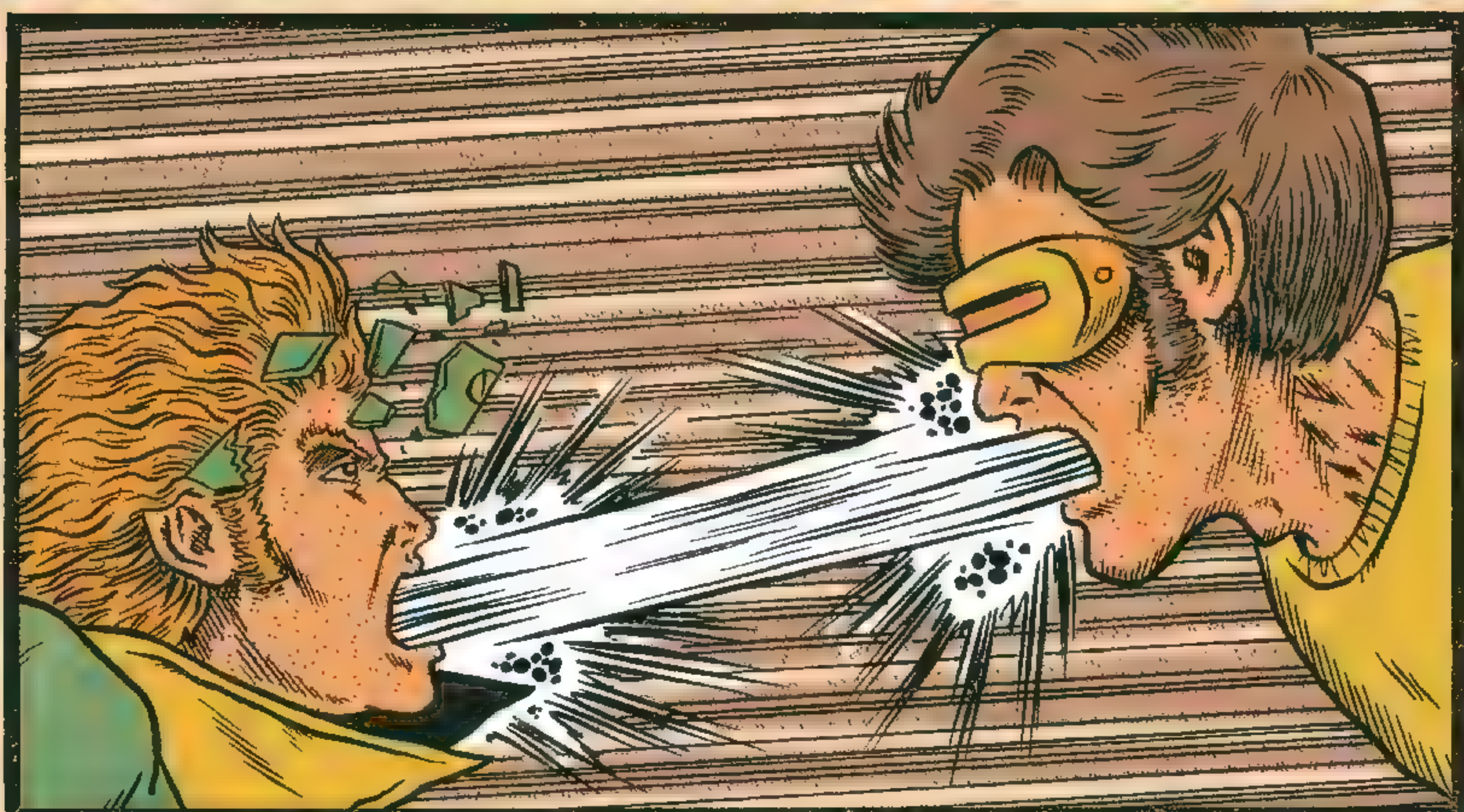
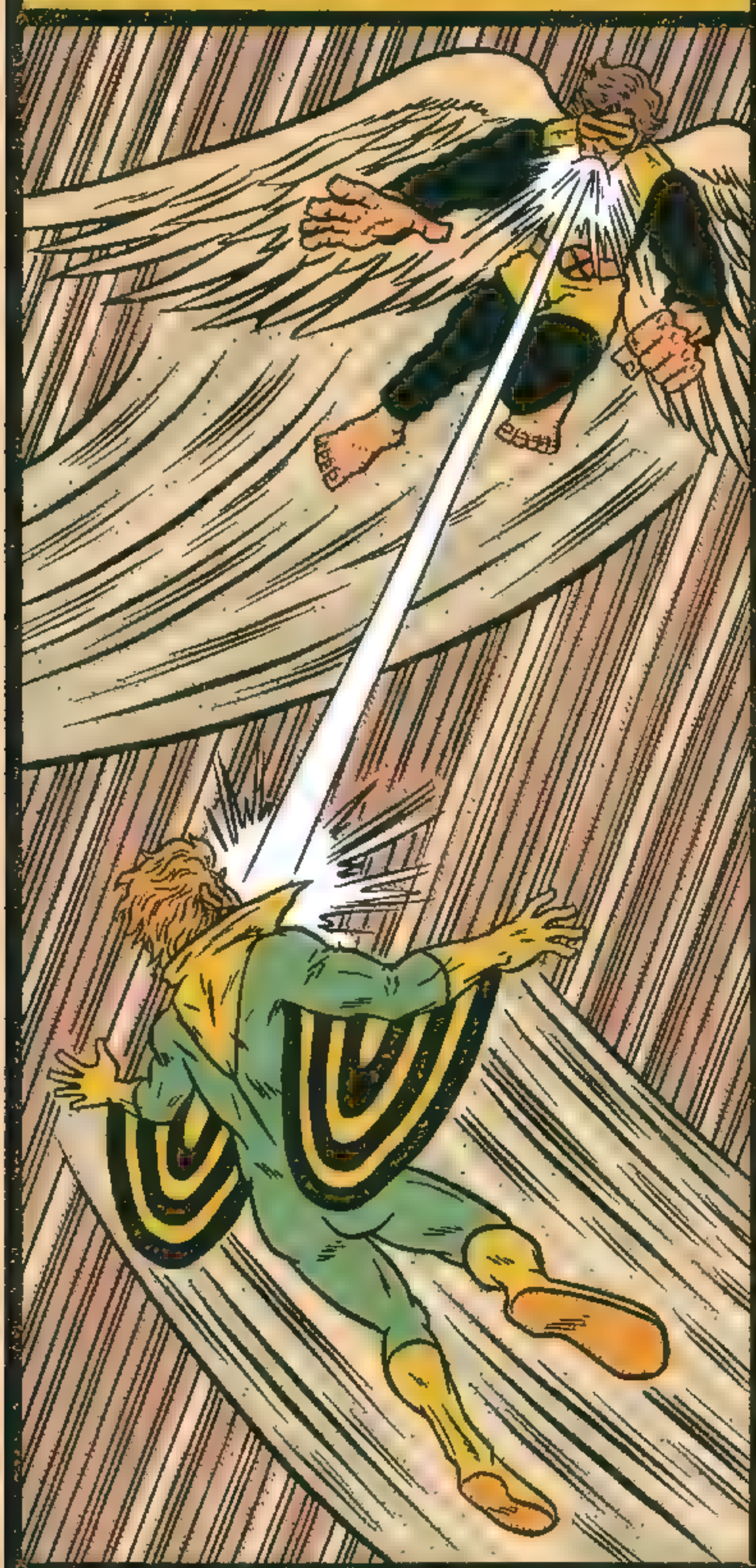
... HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE X-MEN?

A close-up of a man with a balding head, wearing a suit. He is speaking to Calvin Rankin.

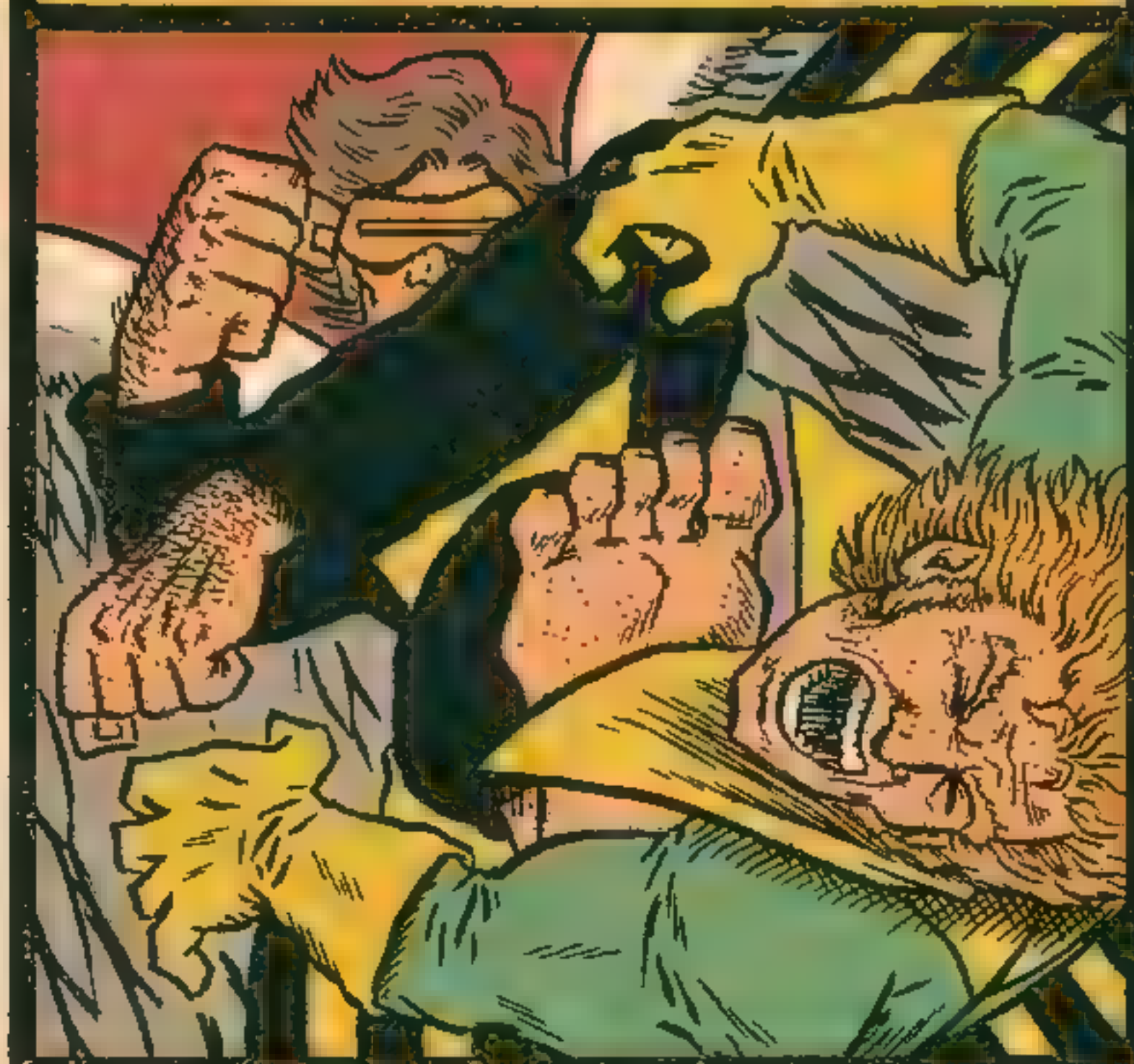
JEAN GREY'S ABSENCE FROM THE X-MEN ISN'T LOST ON OPPORTUNISTIC VILLAINS. THE BANSHEE IS THE NEXT PAWN USED IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER DWINDLE THE TEAM'S NUMBERS.



THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE X-MEN MADE UP THEIR DEFICIT UNTIL THIS MOMENT, WHEN MIMIC IS UNLEASHED.



BANSHEE COMES TO HIS SENSES WHEN THE MIND CONTROL DEVICE IS DESTROYED.



MIMIC DOESN'T NOTICE...



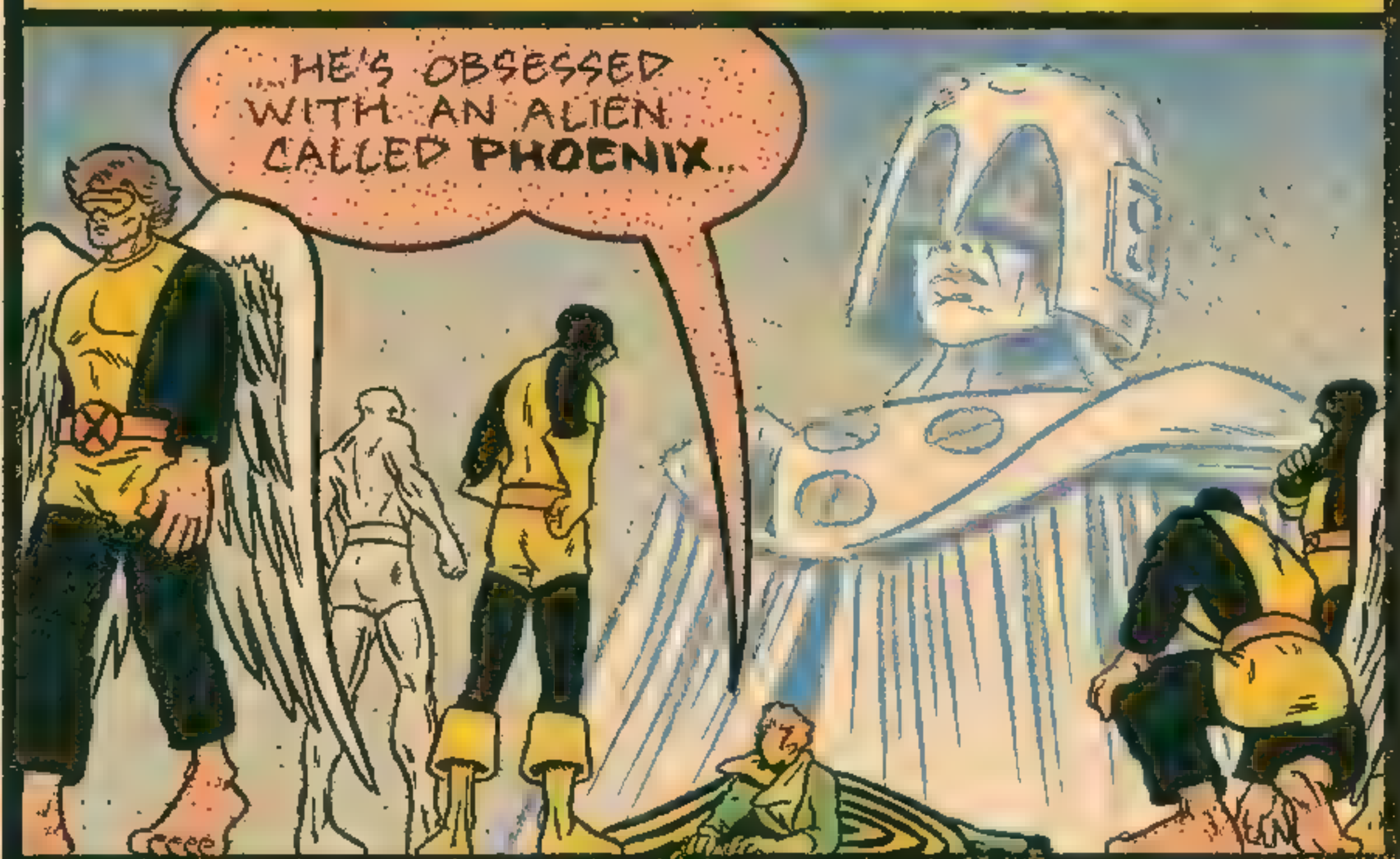
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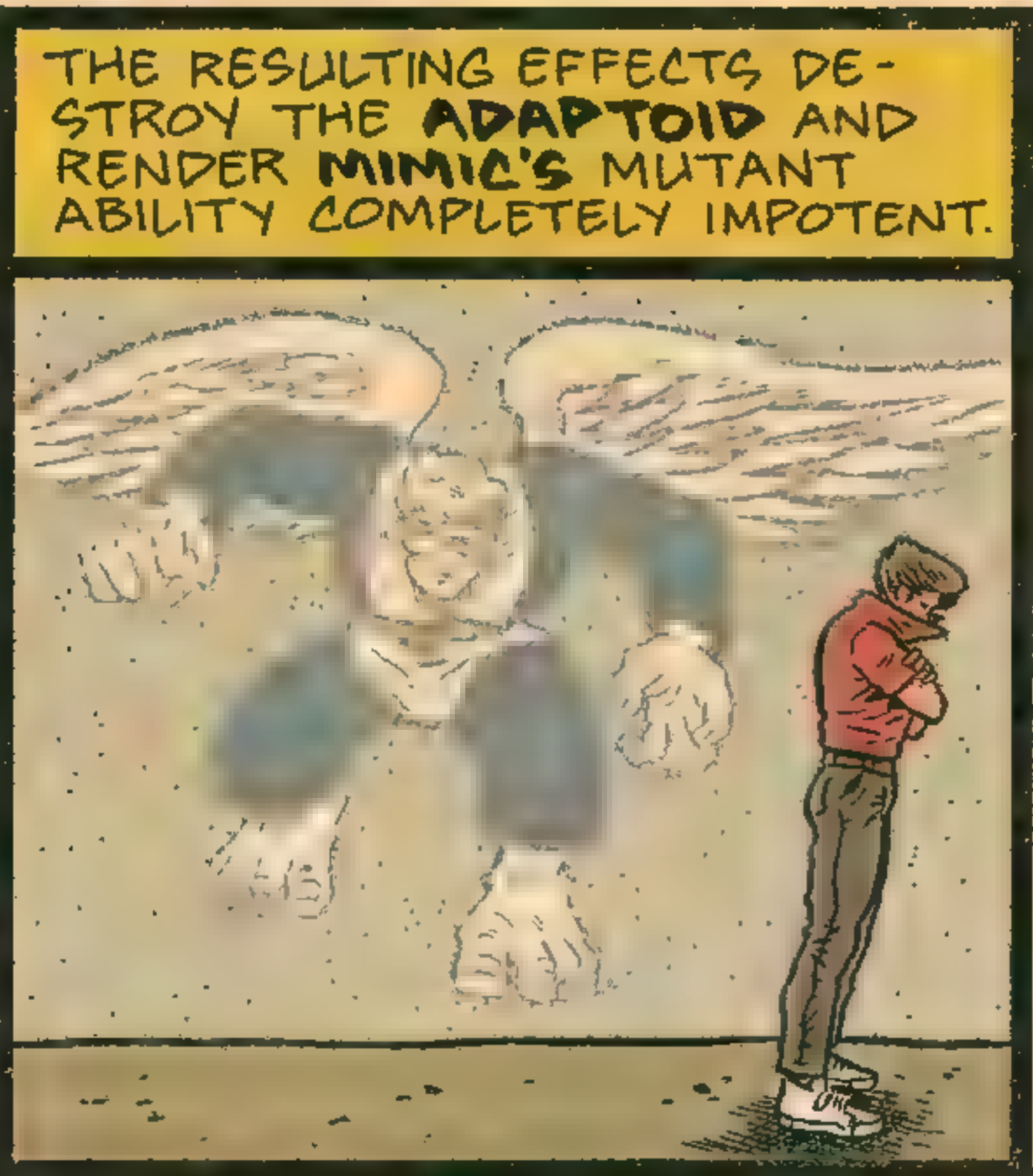
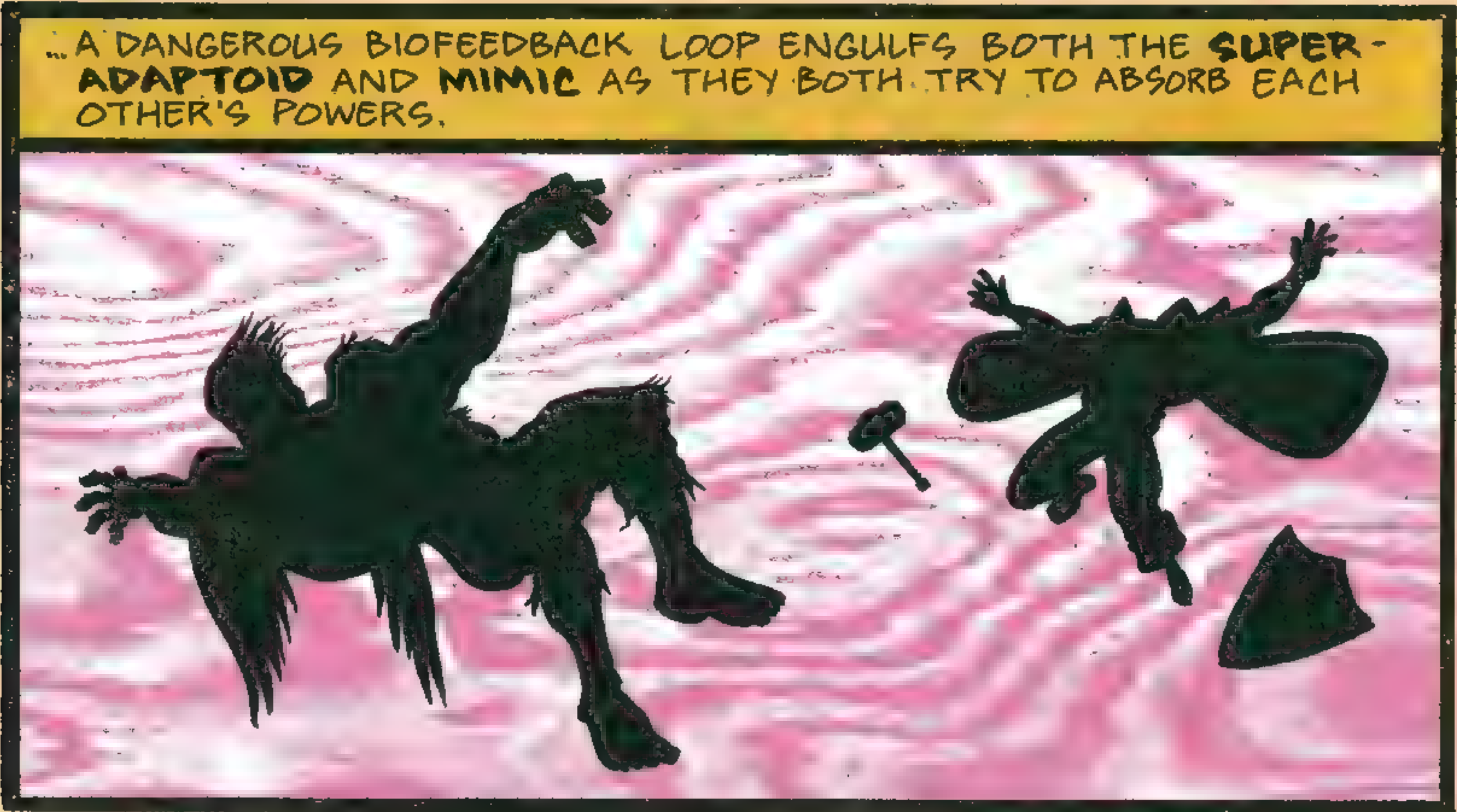
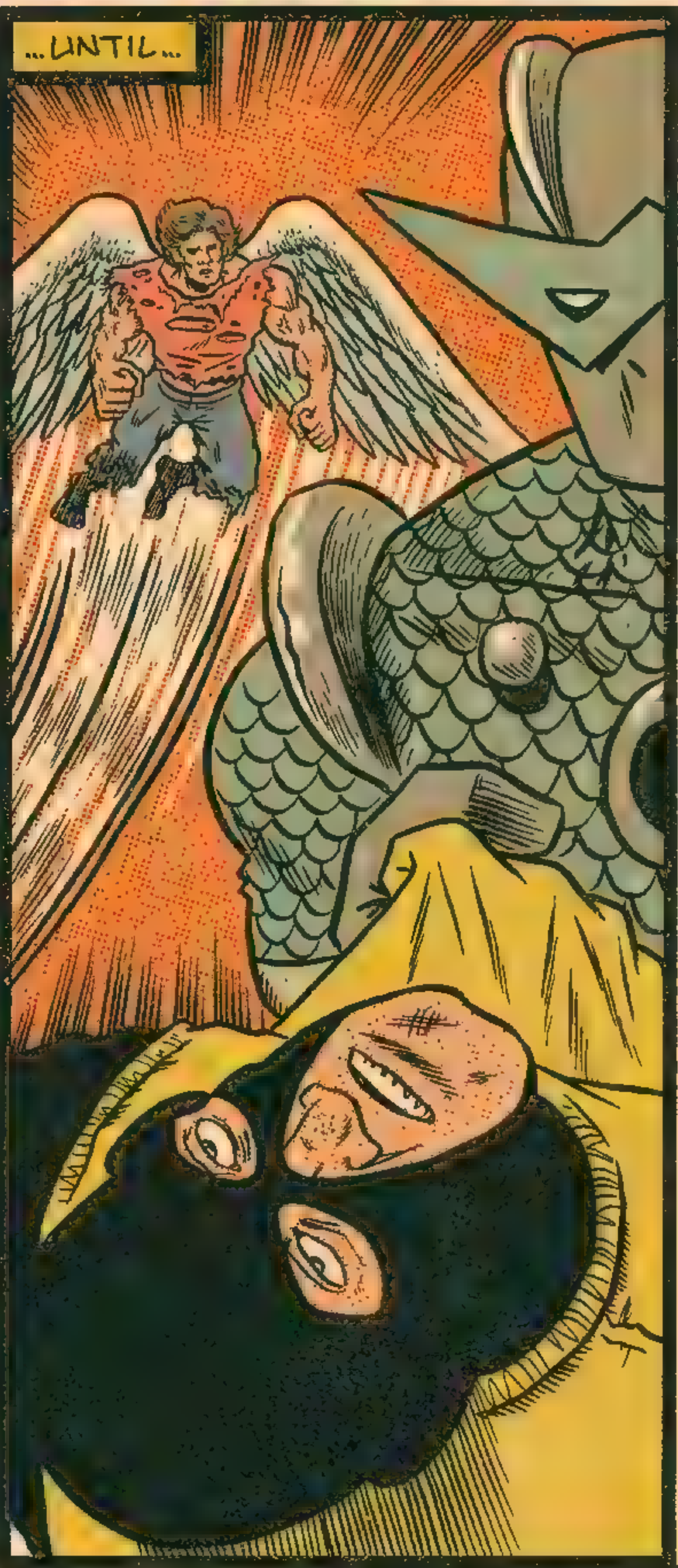
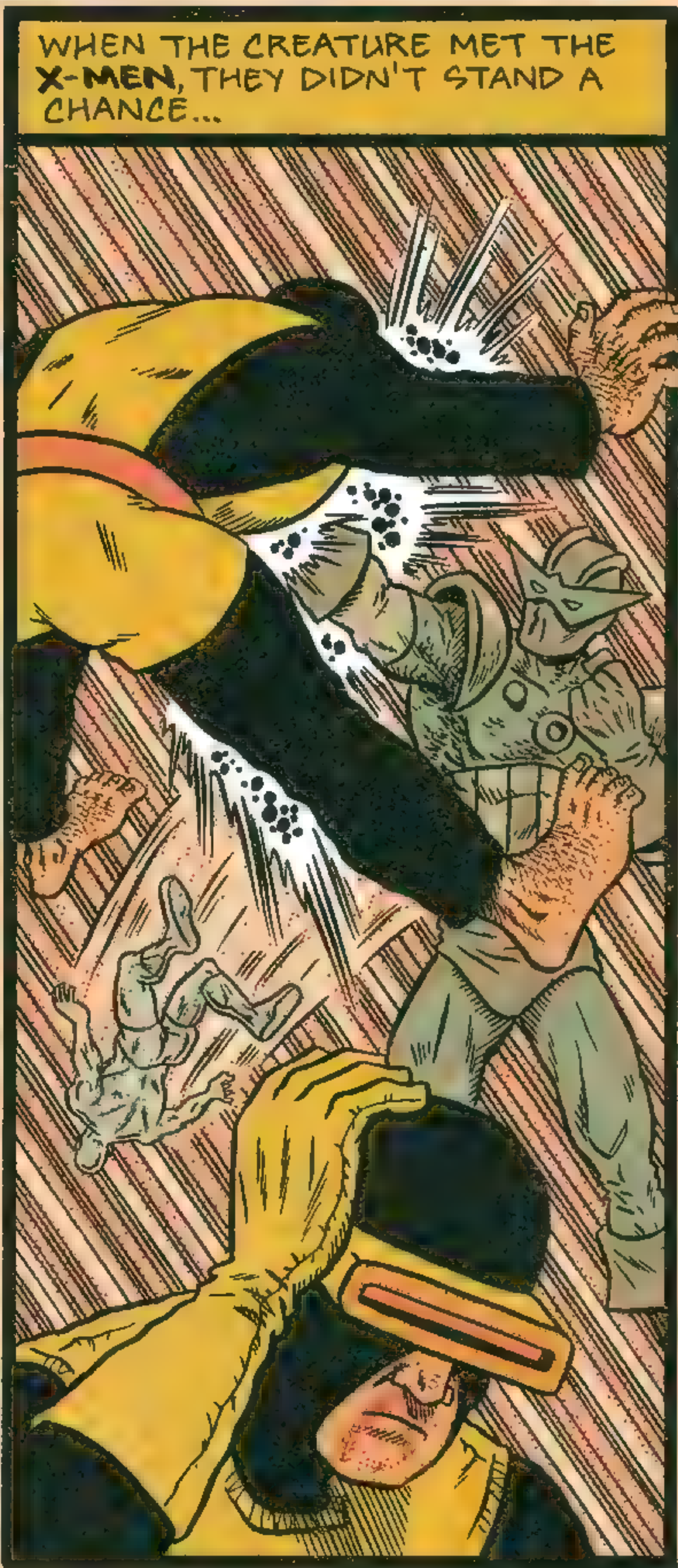
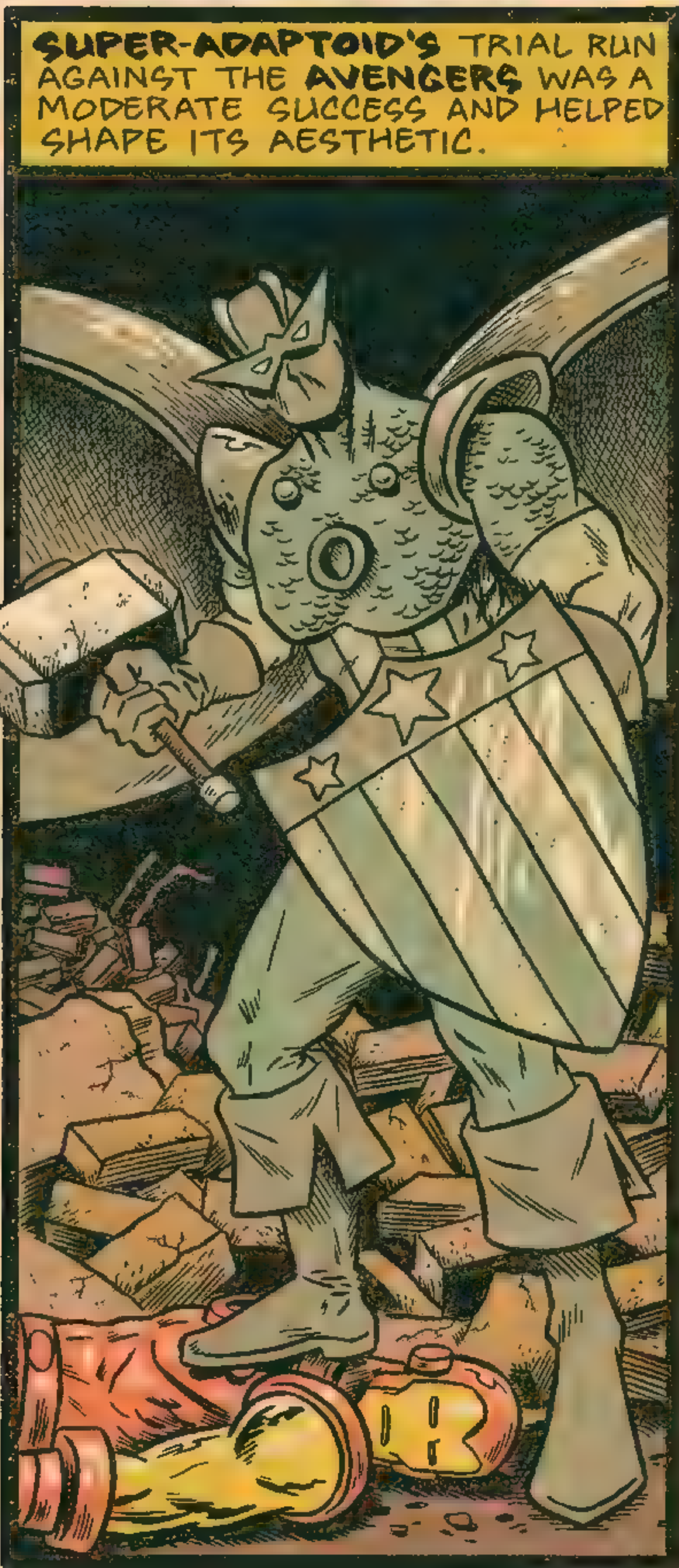
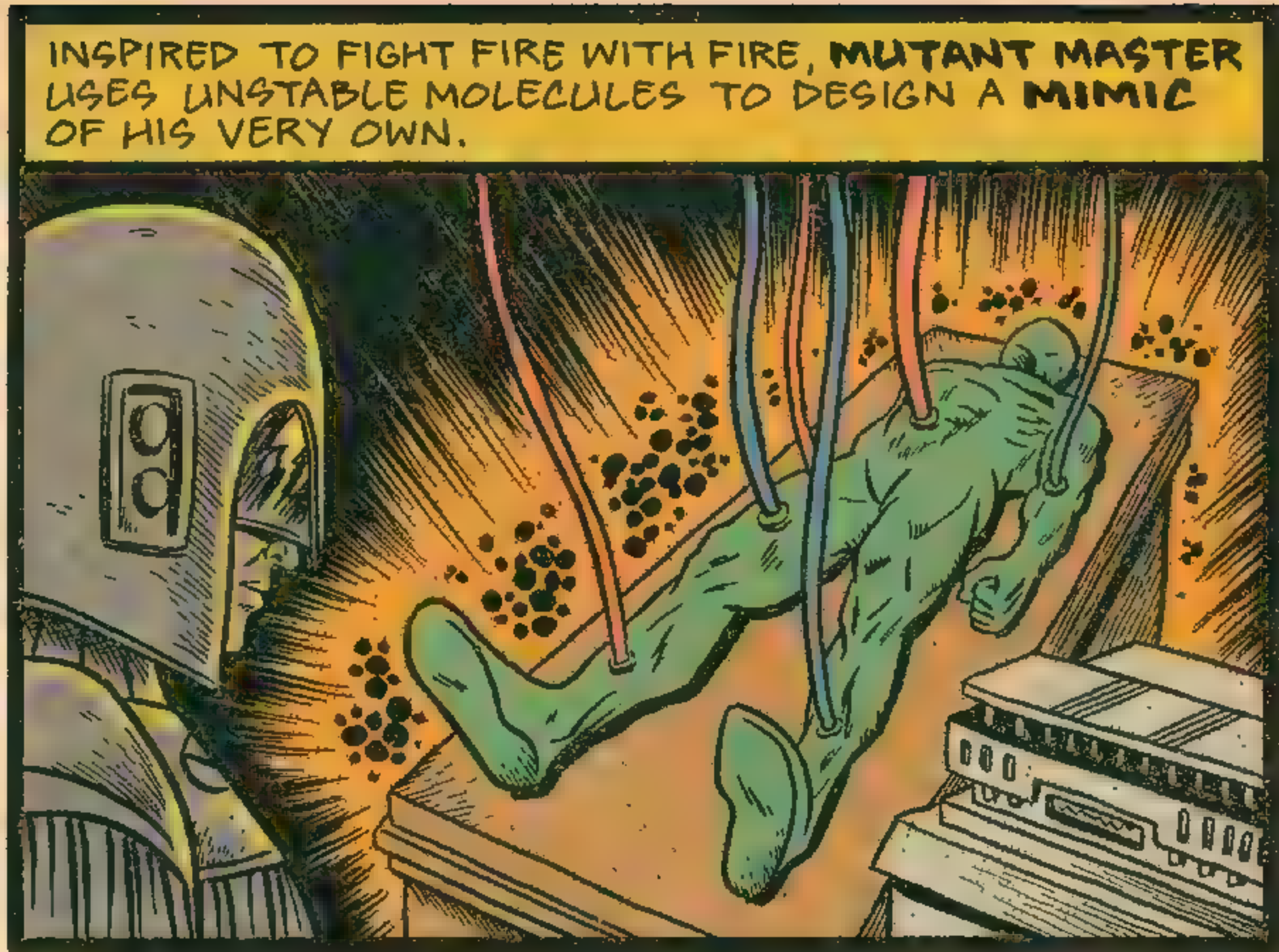
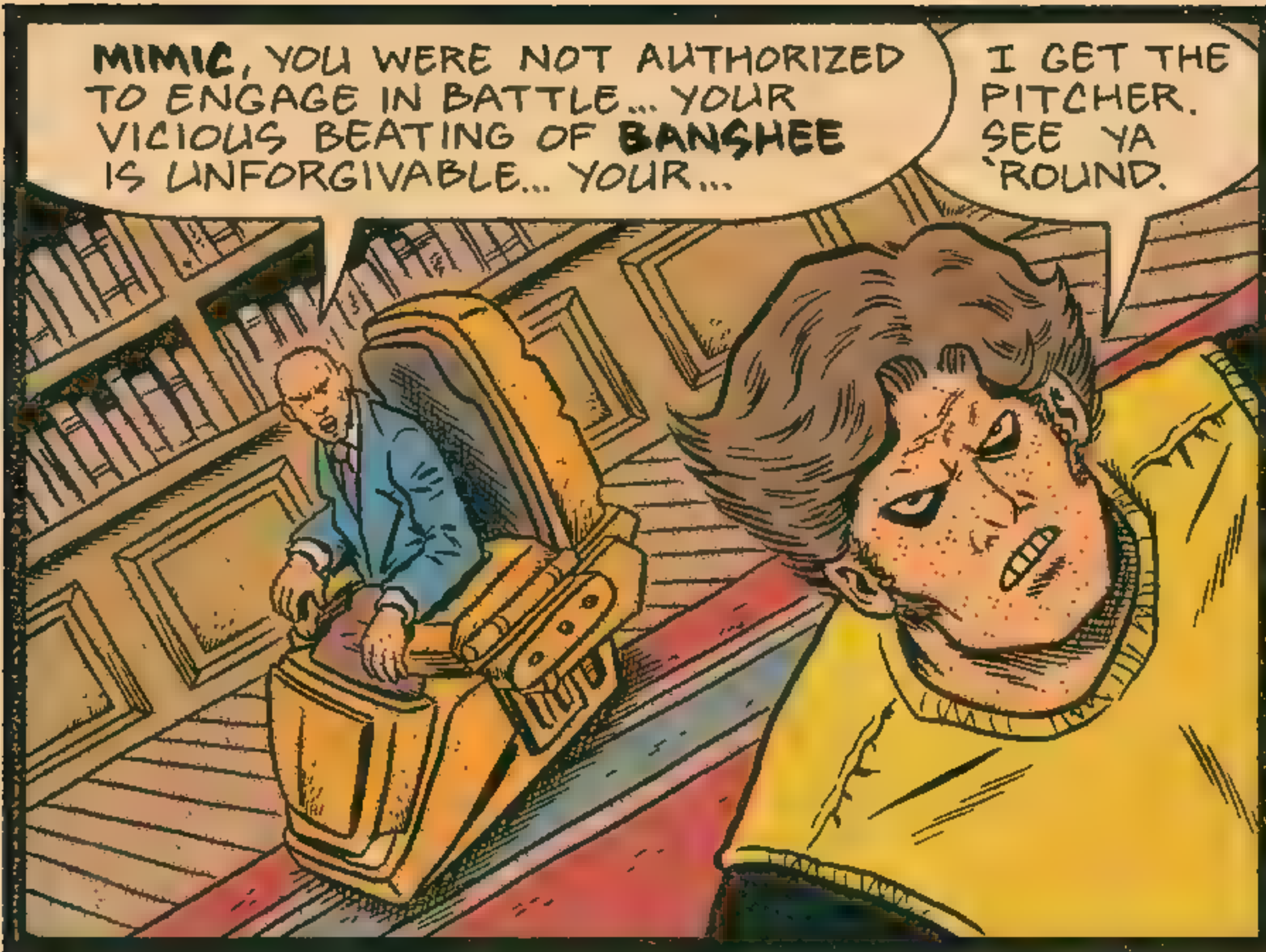
MIMIC, WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

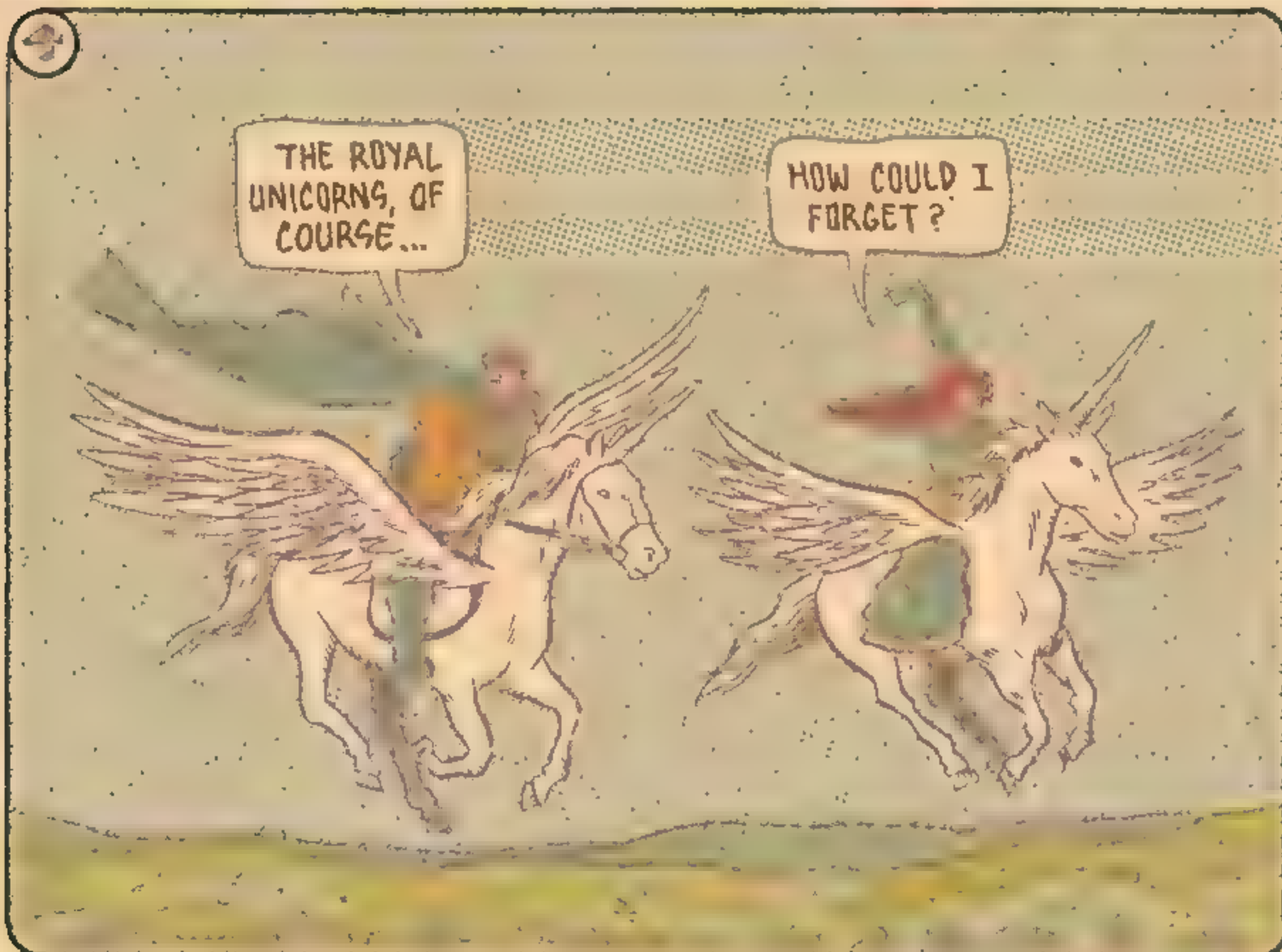
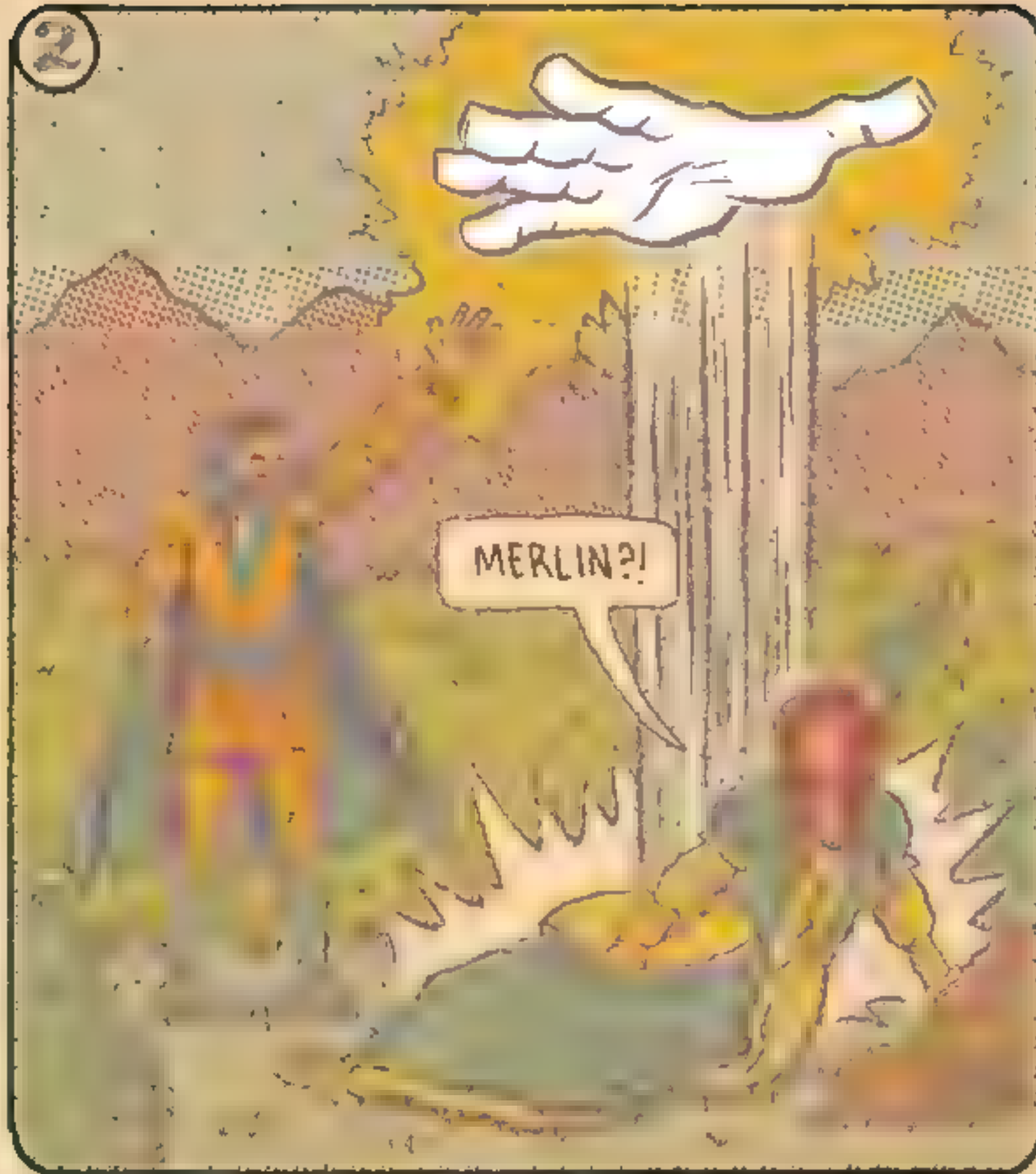
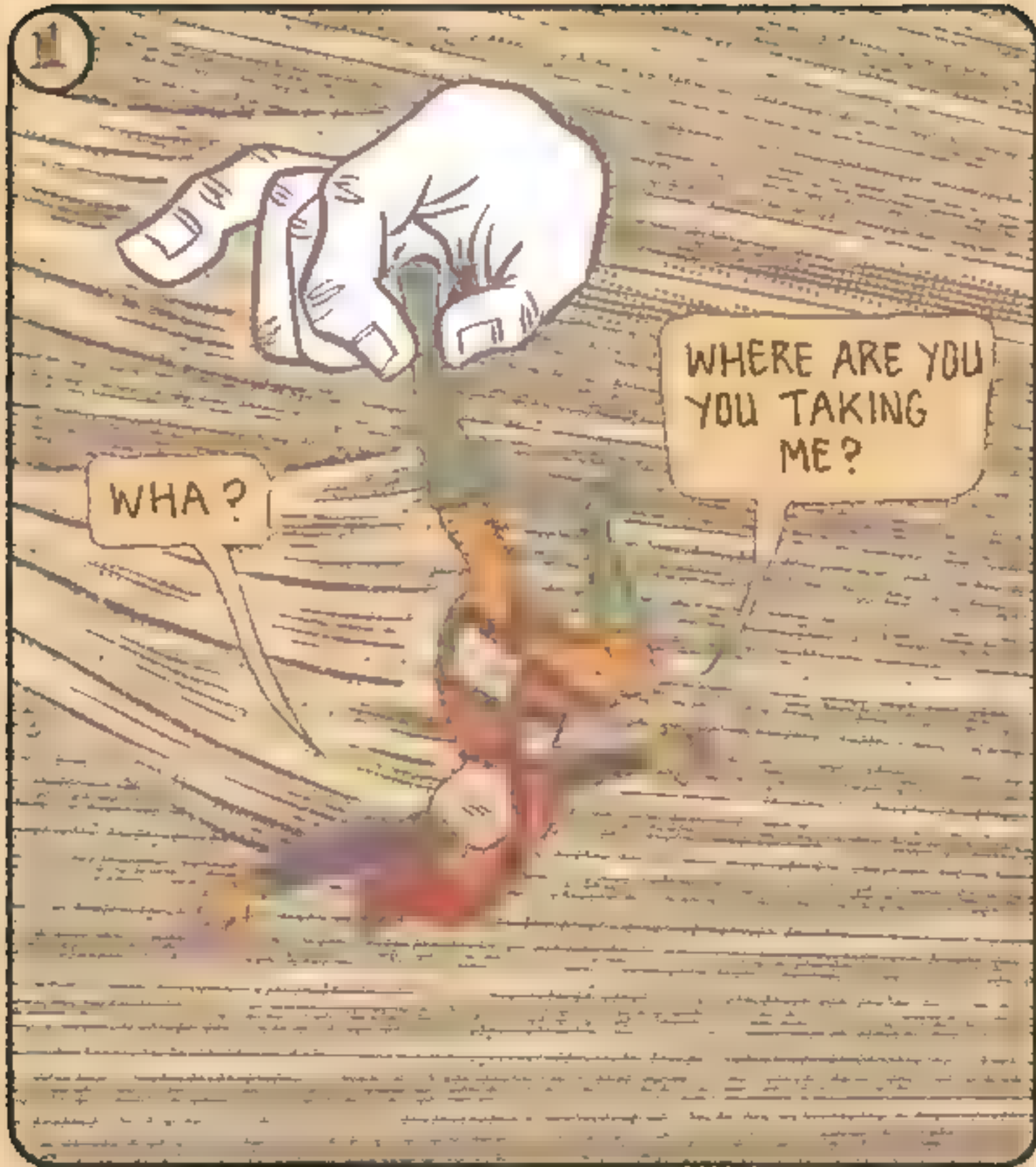


BANSHEE REVEALS HE WAS A MERE BRAIN-WASHED TOOL IN A MUCH BIGGER CONSPIRACY.

HE'S OBSESSED WITH AN ALIEN CALLED PHOENIX...







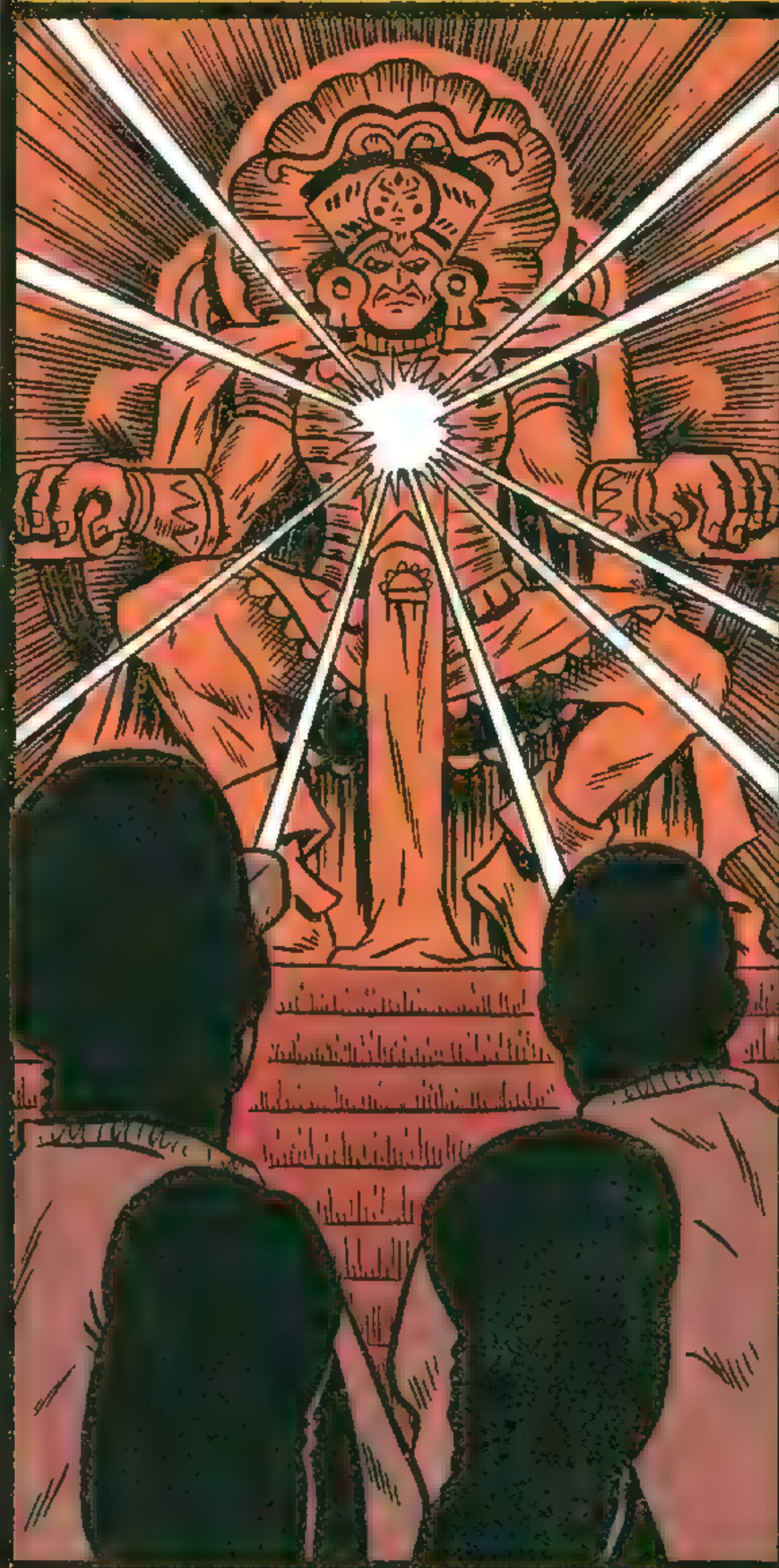
IT WOULD BE A DRASTIC UNDERSTATEMENT TO SUGGEST THAT JEAN GREY ESCAPED THE SUPER-HERO LIFESTYLE WHILE AT METRO UNIVERSITY.



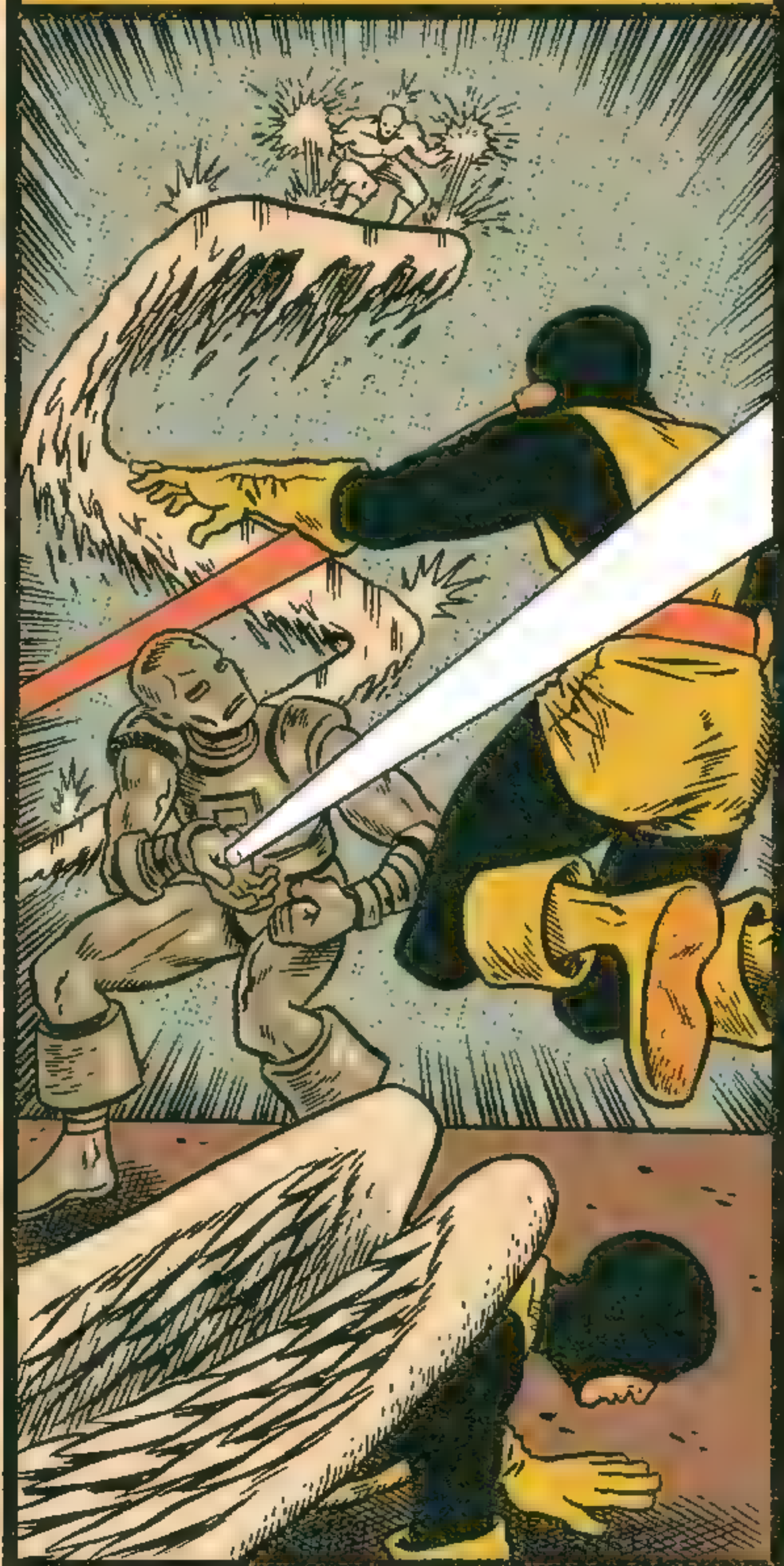
A ROGUE ENTOMOLOGIST AT THE SCHOOL, CALLING HIMSELF THE **LOCUST**, HAD DESTRUCTIVE PLANS THAT JEAN THWARTED.



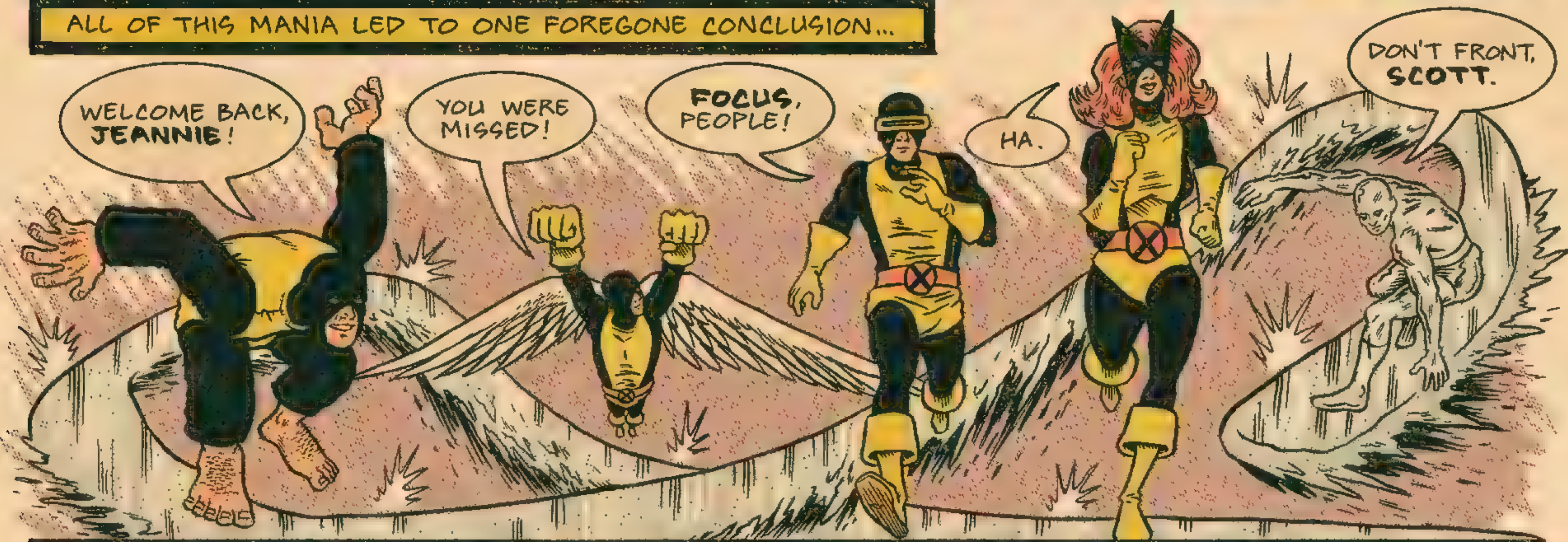
SHE SOLICITED THE HELP OF THE **X-MEN** WHEN **KUKULKAN** RAIDED THE ARCHAEOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR A RECENTLY UNEARTHED, ANCIENT MAYAN PENDANT.



THE **DAILY BUGLE** CALLED THIS WALKING ATOMIC BOMB **COBALT MAN**. THE **X-MEN** MADE SHORT WORK OF HIM, BUT THE PUBLIC DIDN'T HATE THEM ANY LESS.



ALL OF THIS MANIA LED TO ONE FOREGONE CONCLUSION...



CHARLES XAVIER FEELS A FRATERNAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP CAIN MARKO OUT OF HIS CATATONIA EVEN AFTER ALL THE DEVASTATION CAUSED IN HIS WAKE.

AS MUCH AS I DISLIKE IT, I MUST INTRUDE UPON YOUR PSYCHE ONCE AGAIN.

THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE, CAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?

CAIN?

IT'S HERE ...

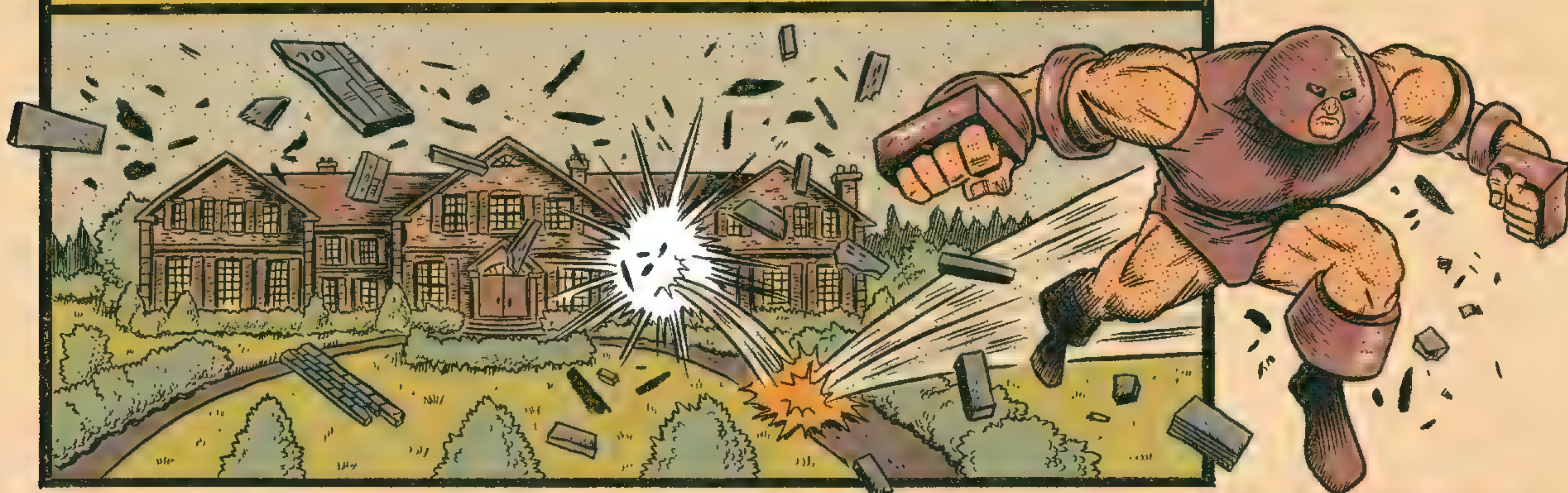
X-MEN!

I CAN FEEL IT!



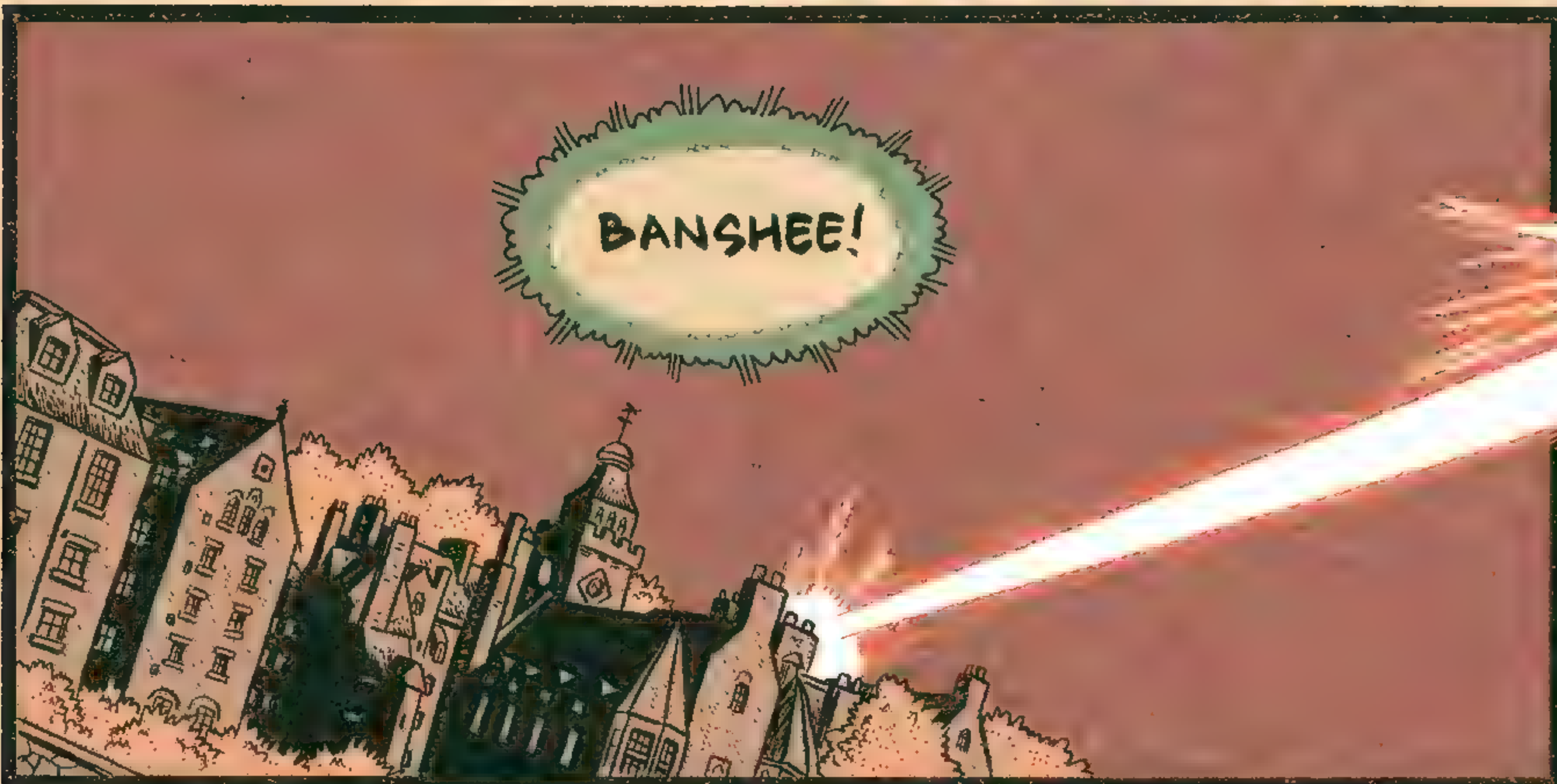
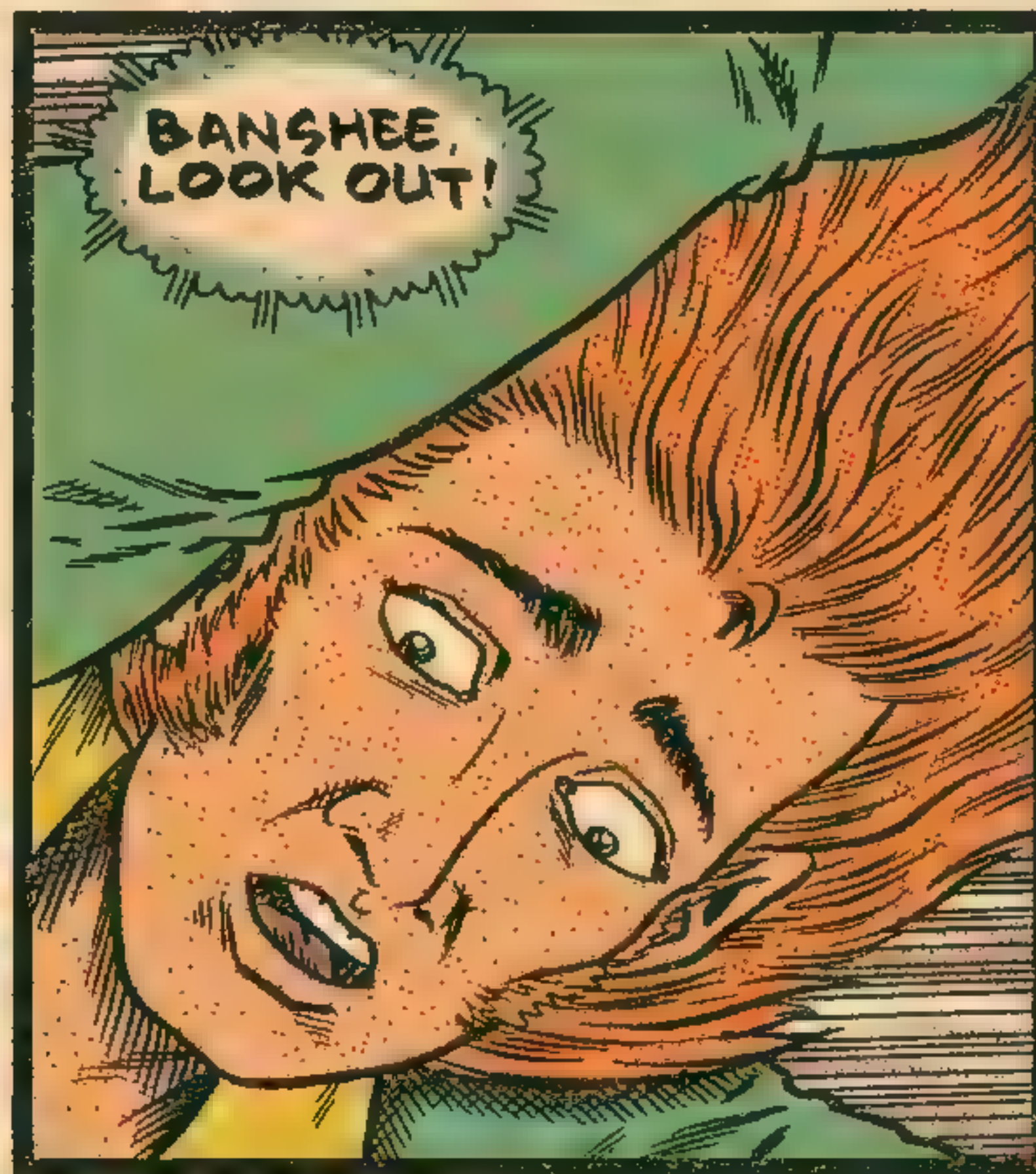
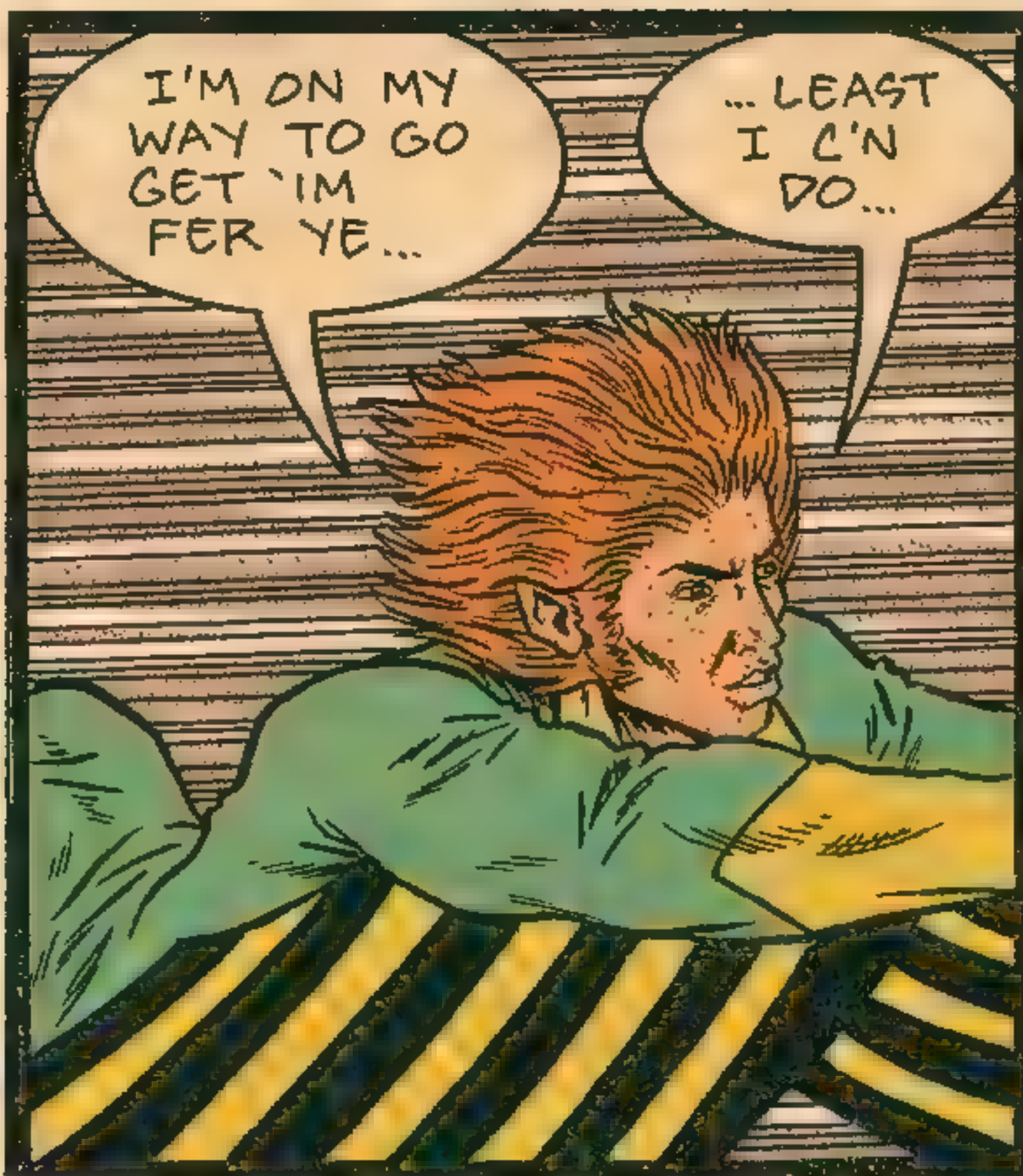
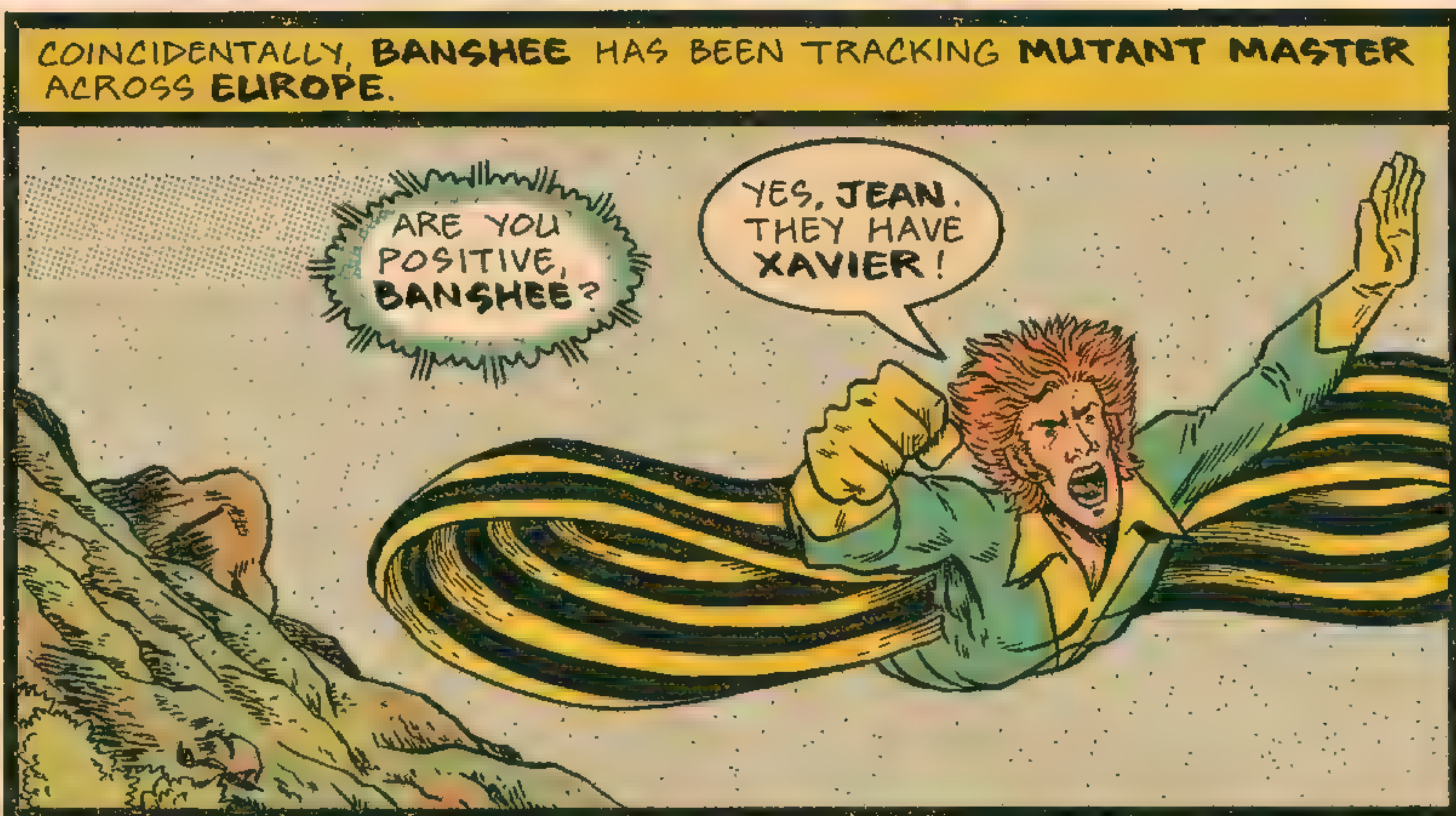
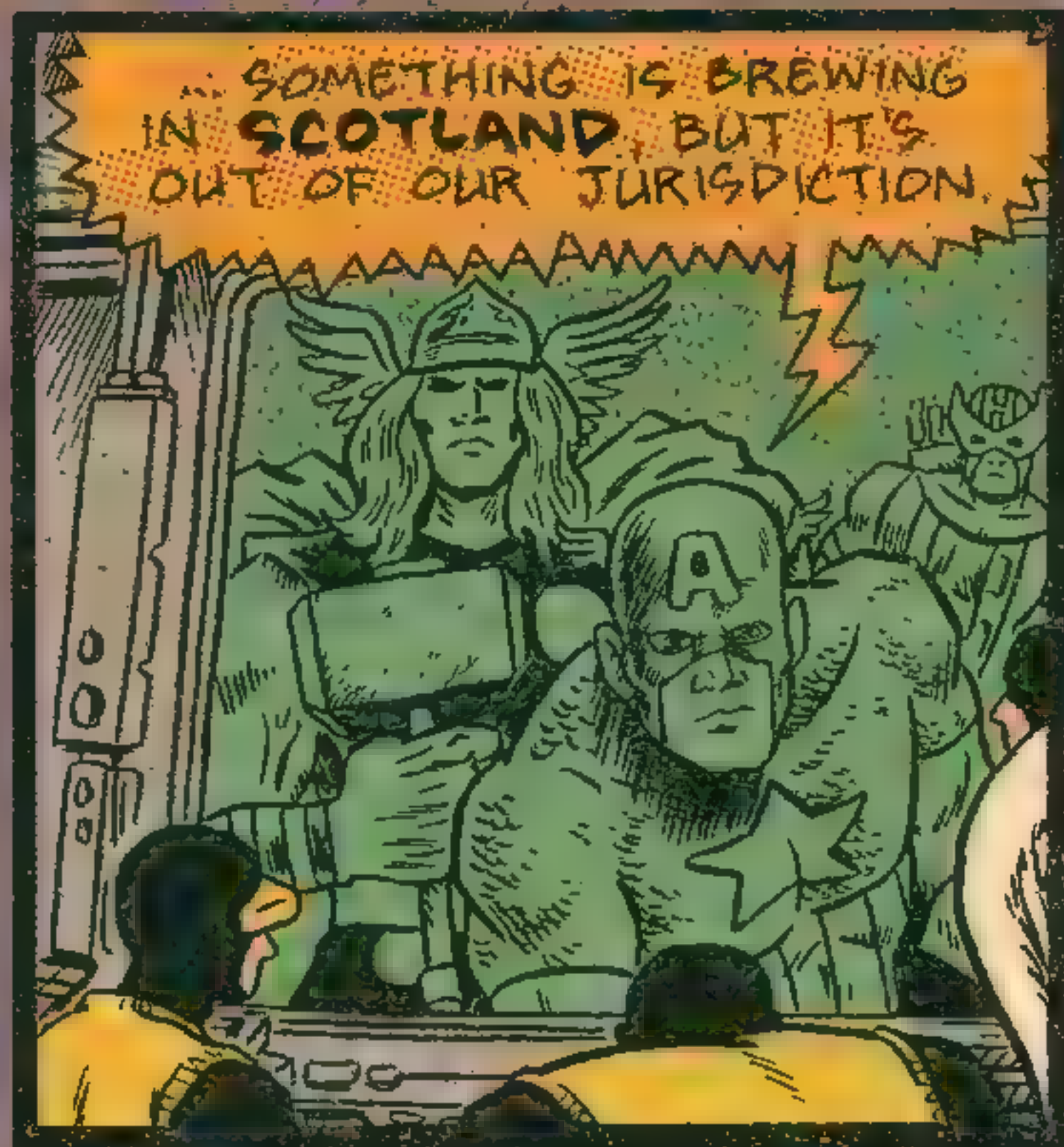
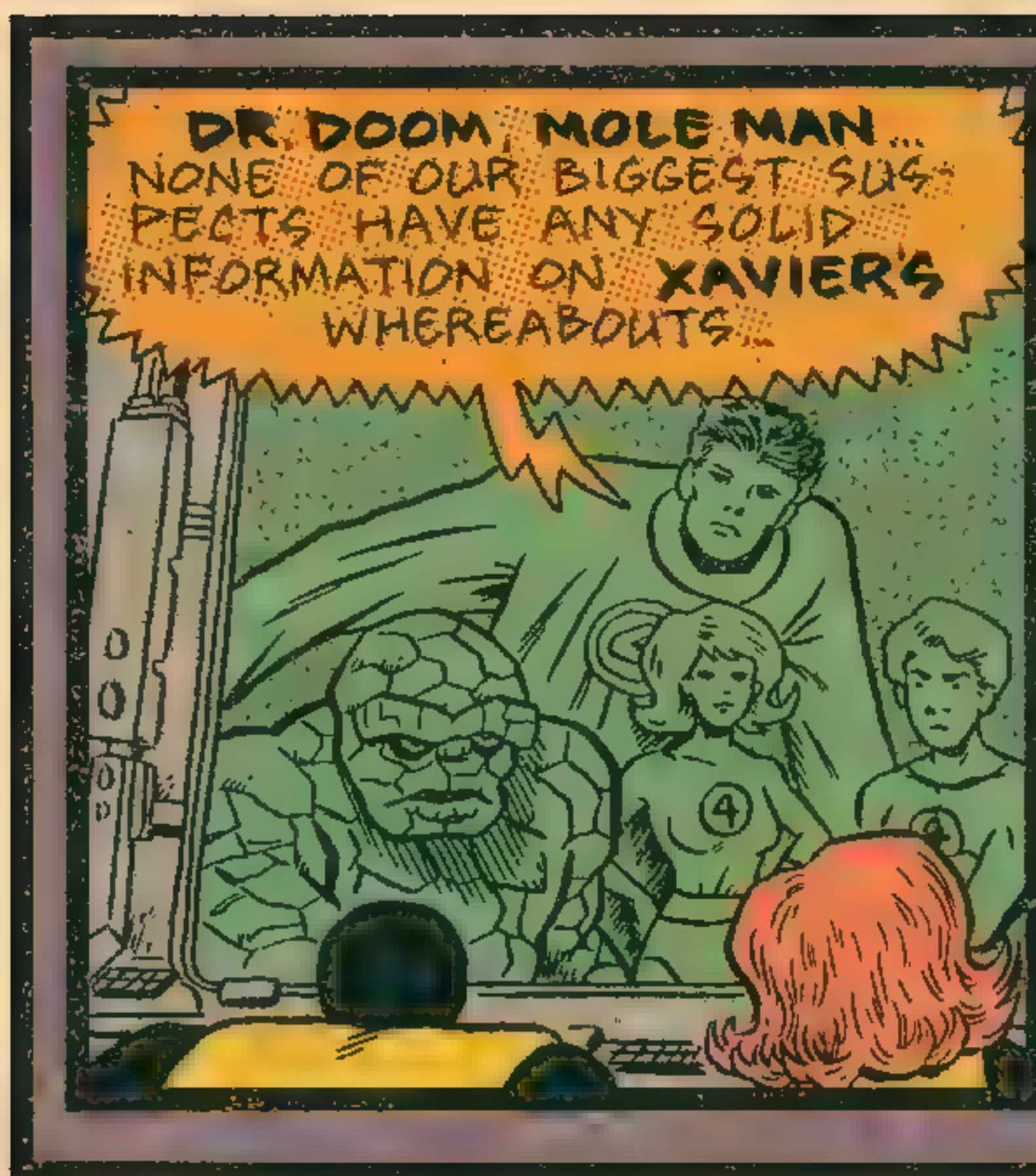


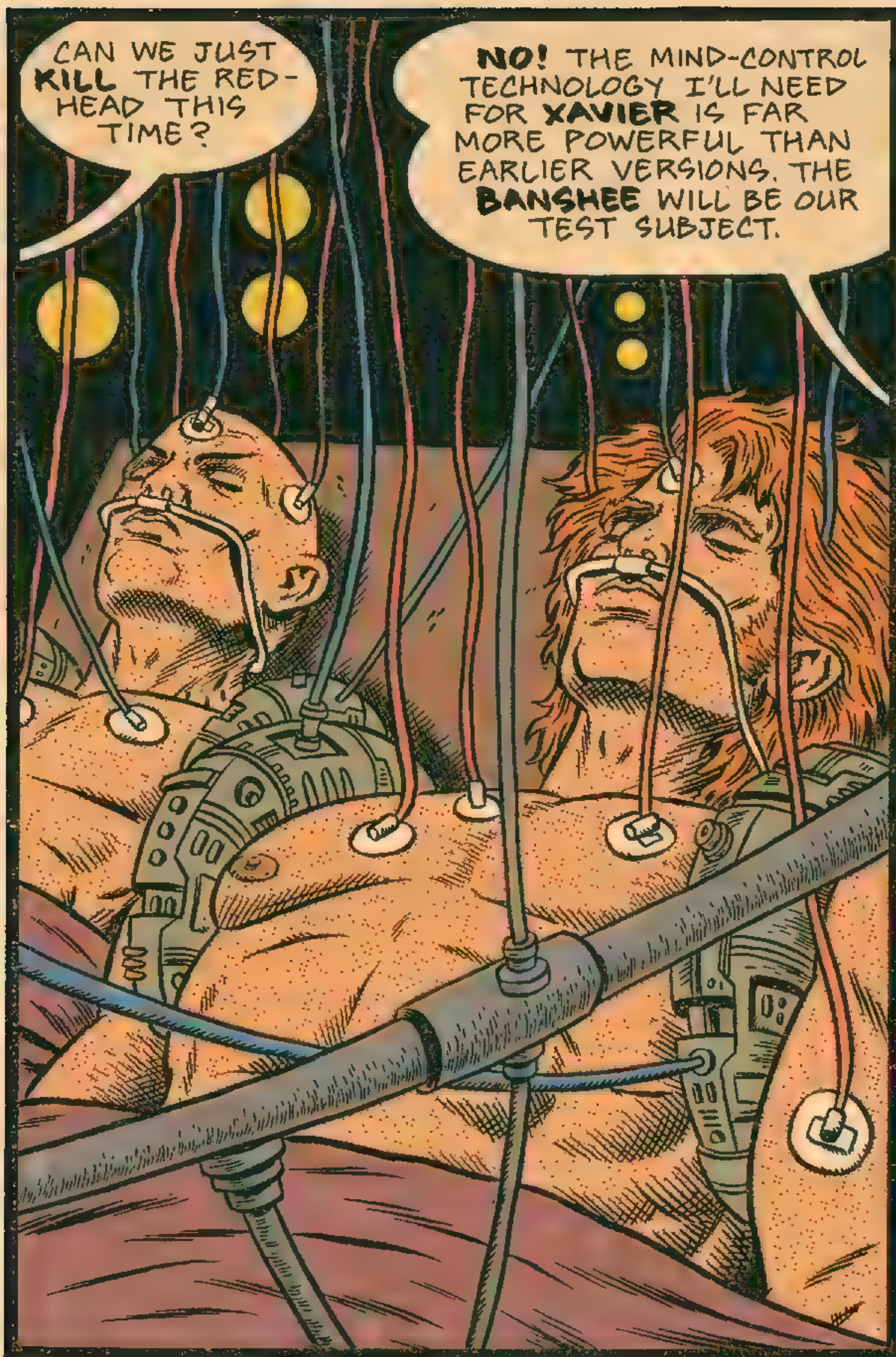
JUGGERNAUT KNOWS THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN BE CALLING TO HIM WITH SUCH POWERFUL ENERGY: THE CRIMSON GEM OF CYTTORAK.



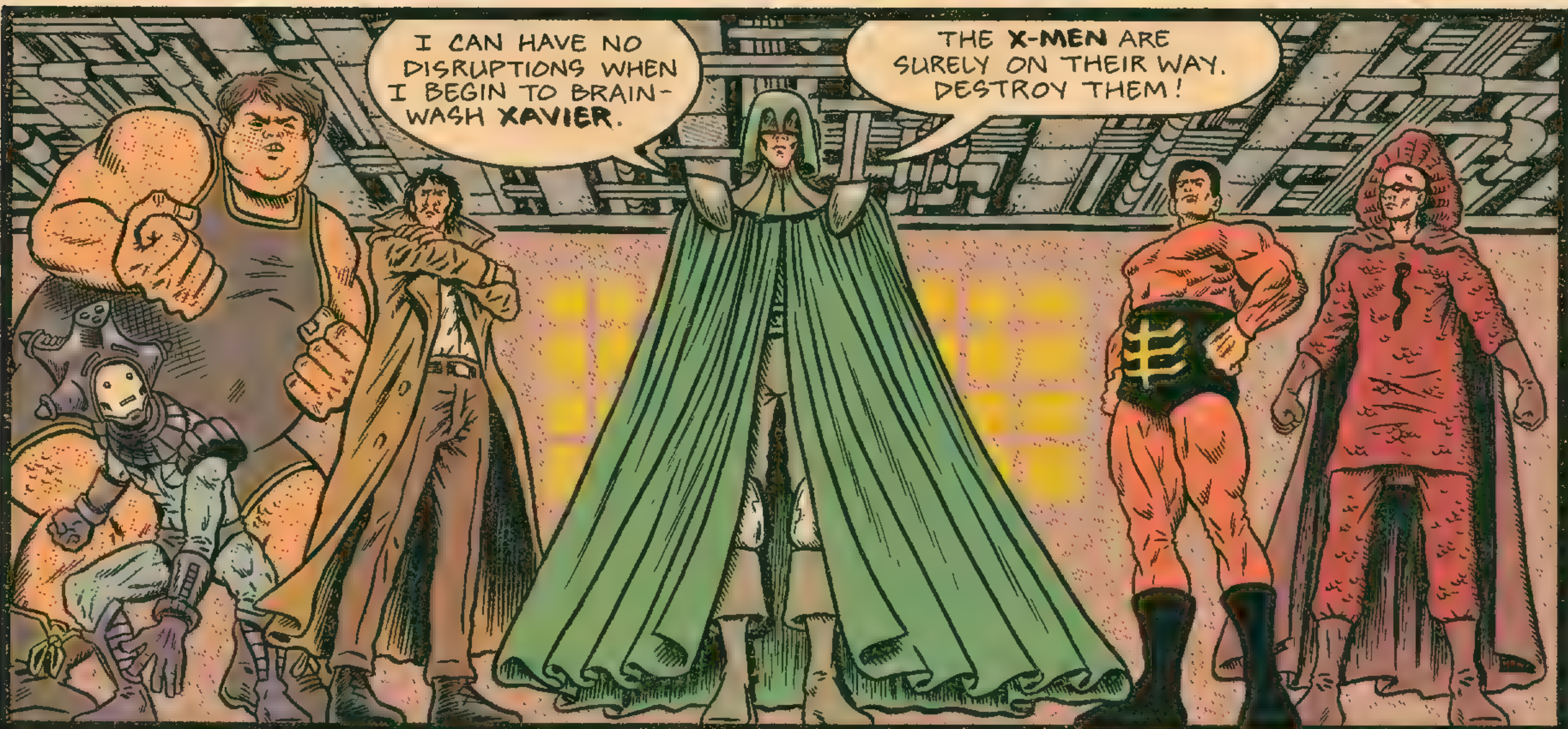
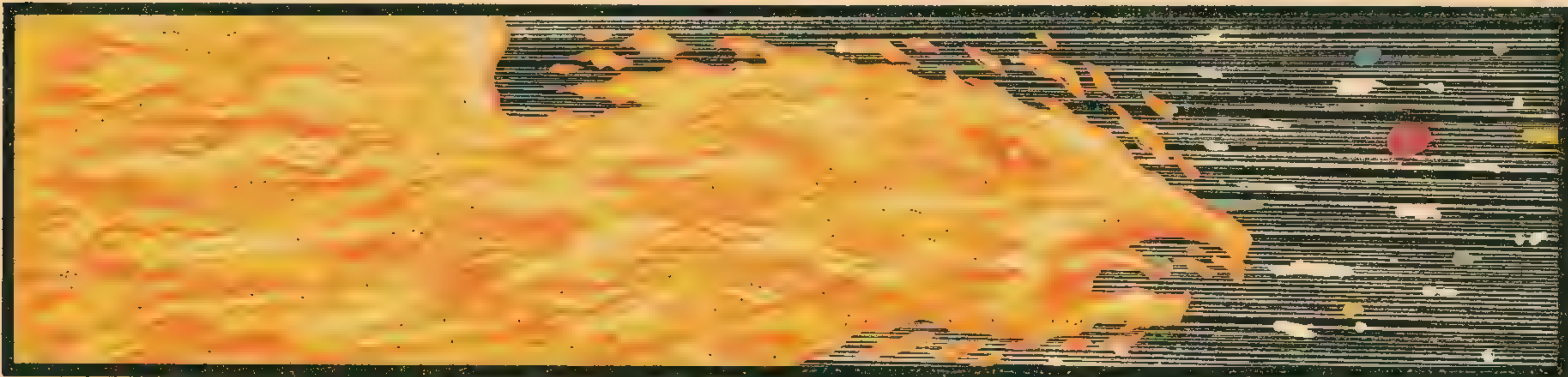
HOWEVER, HE WASN'T EXPECTING BANSHEE'S EVIL COUSIN, BLACK TOM CASSIDY, TO HAVE HIS FOUL HANDS CLUTCHING THE PRIZED CRYSTAL.







"...WE WILL MAKE THE **PHOENIX** OUR PUPPET AND WIELD ULTIMATE POWER IN EVERY KNOWN UNIVERSE."



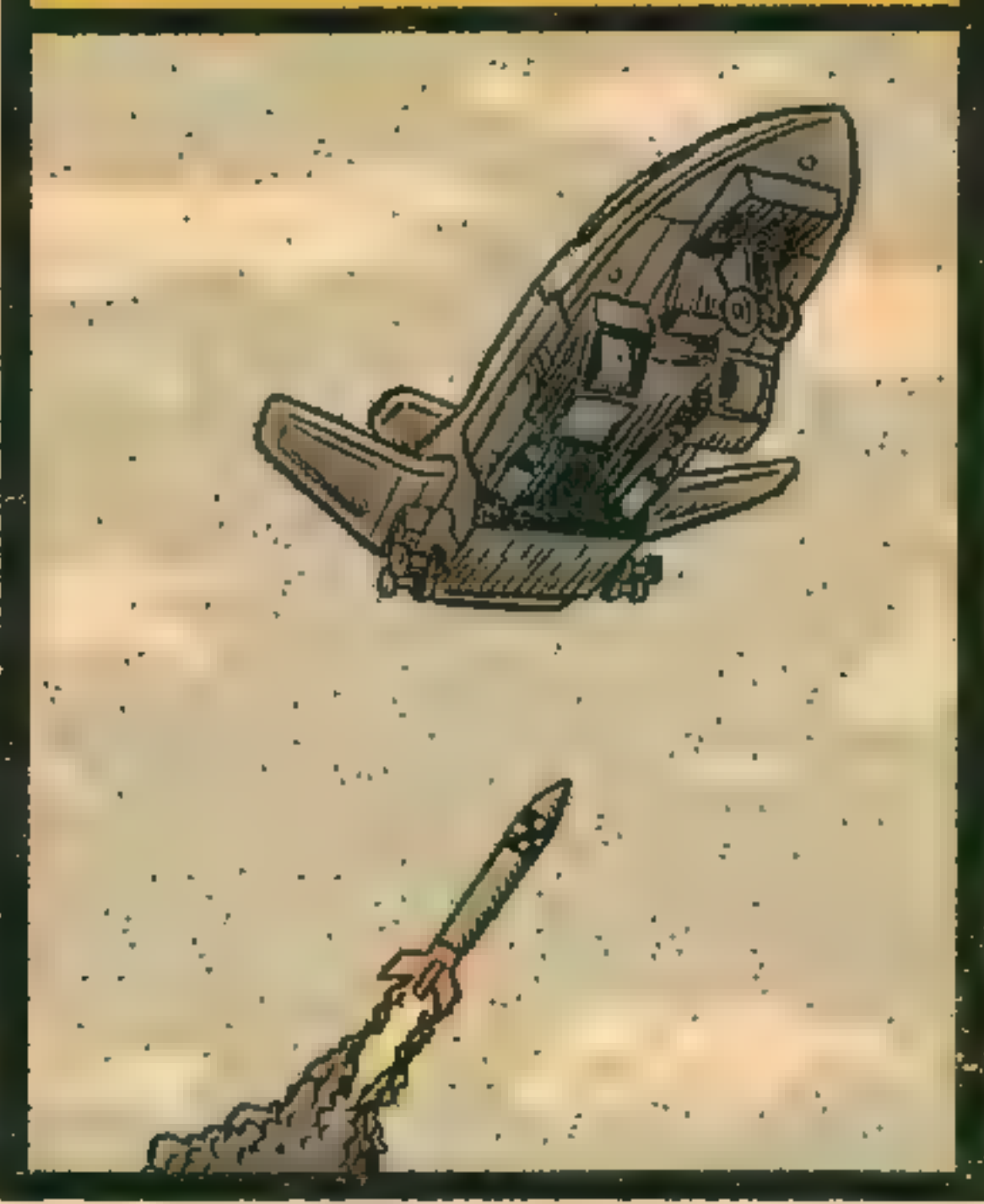
THIS MUTANT CALLED **FORGE** WAS COMMISSIONED BY **XAVIER** TO BUILD MOST OF THE **X-MEN'S** TECHNOLOGY.



THE **DANGER ROOM** AND THE **BLACKBIRD** JET ARE SOME OF HIS MOST AMBITIOUS CREATIONS.



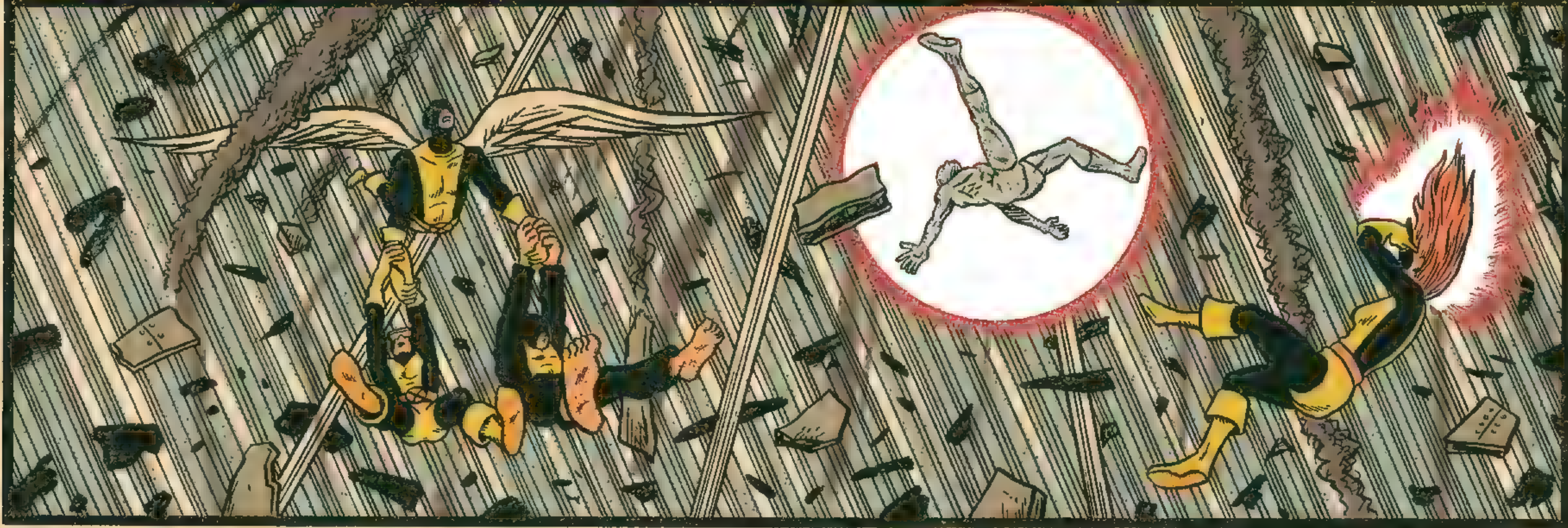
THE **BLACKBIRD** IS COMPLETELY INVISIBLE TO EVERY EARTHLY FORM OF RADAR.



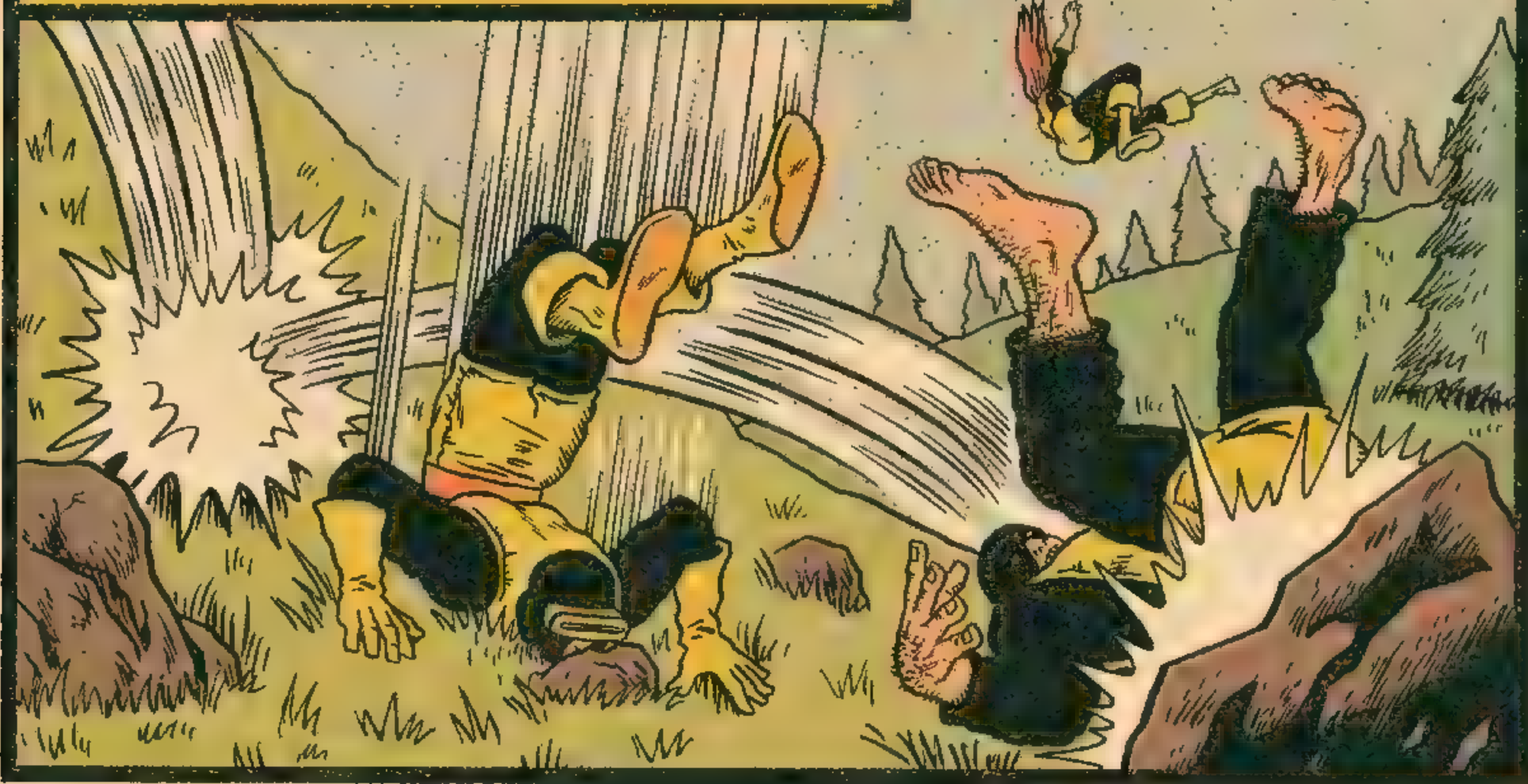
FORGE DIDN'T ACCOUNT FOR AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL ADVERSARY.



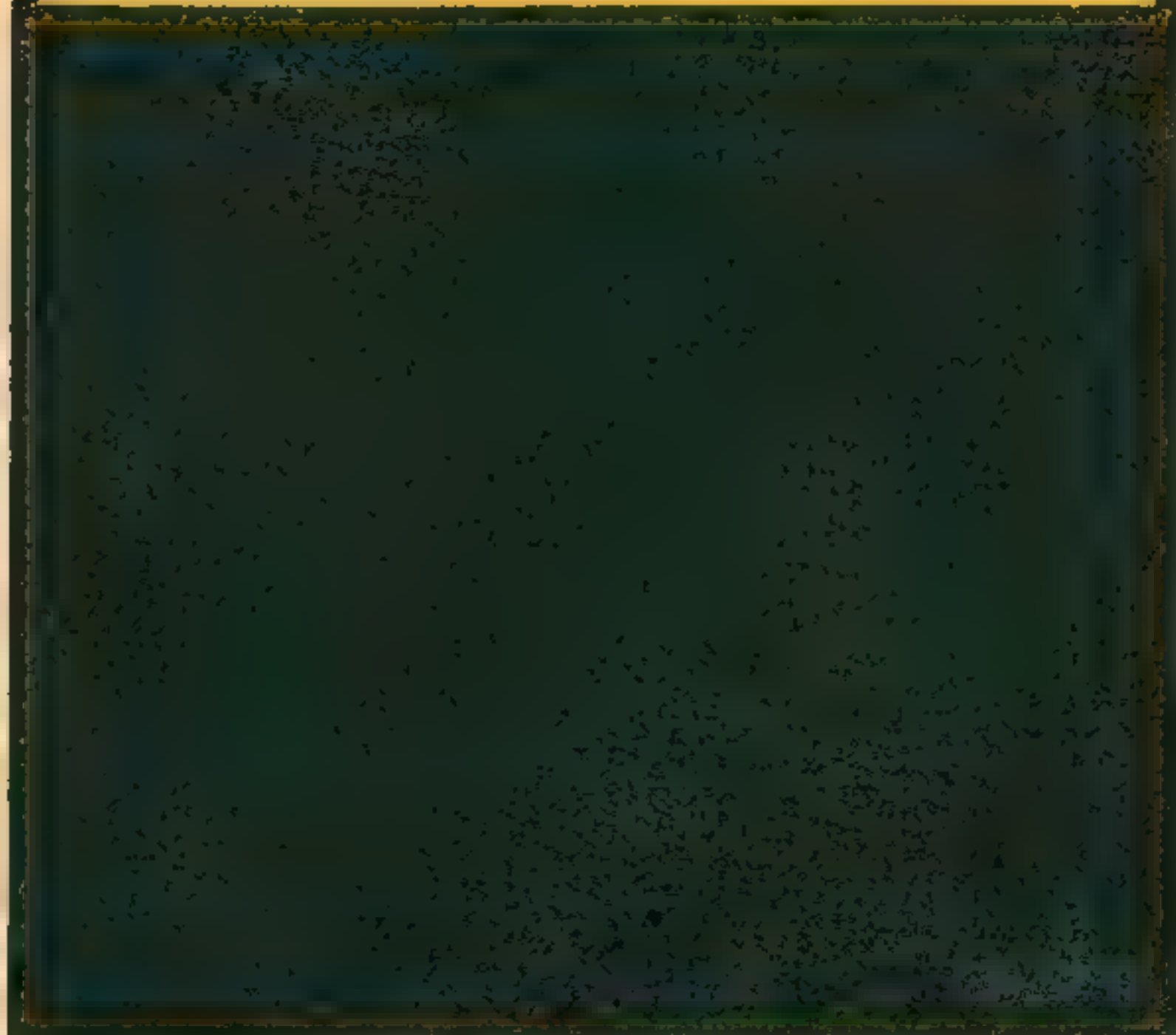
THE **X-MEN'S** TRAINING DID, HOWEVER, COVER CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS THIS.



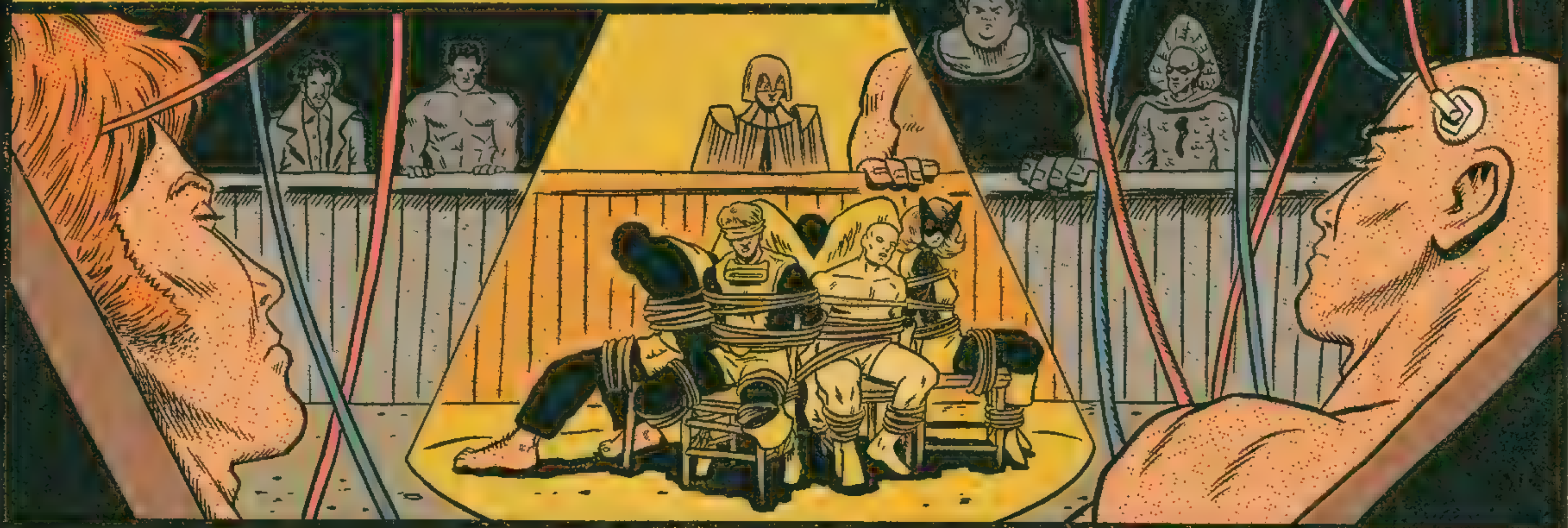
THE KIDS STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.

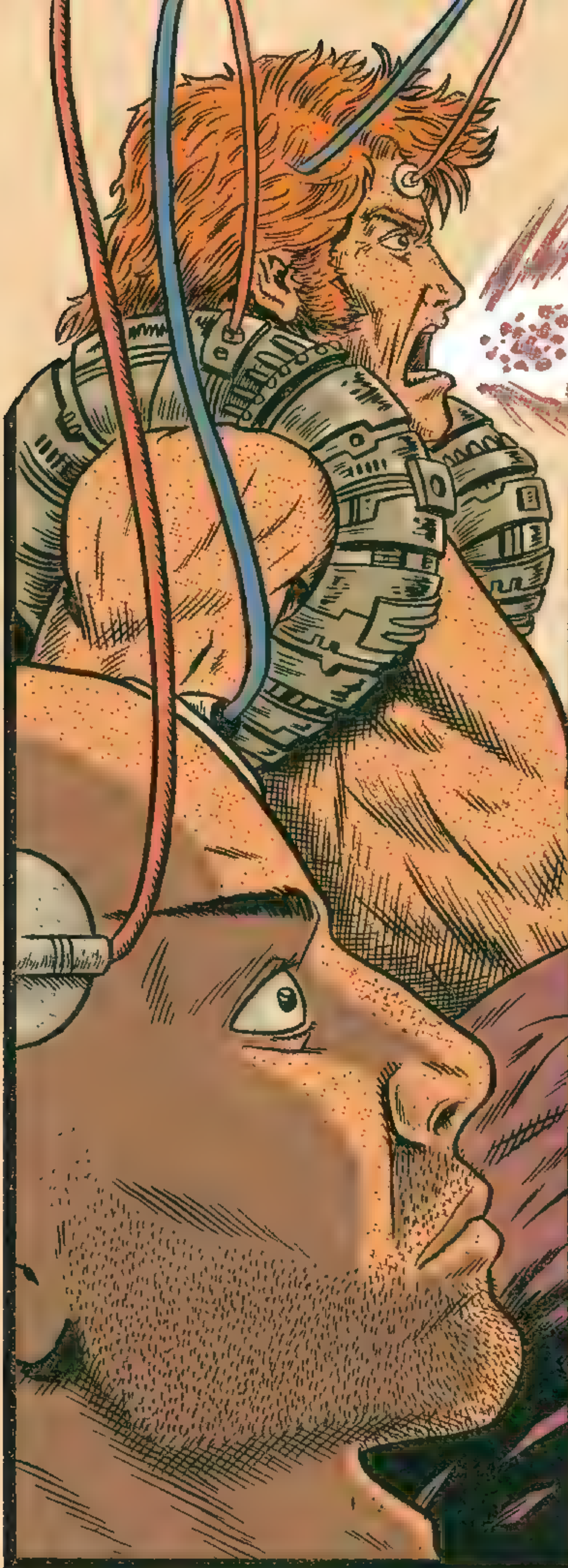


CYCLOPS' LAST CONSCIOUS THOUGHT IS THAT, BY BEING ATTACKED, THEY MUST BE IN THE CORRECT PLACE.



WHEN HE WAKES UP HIS SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED.

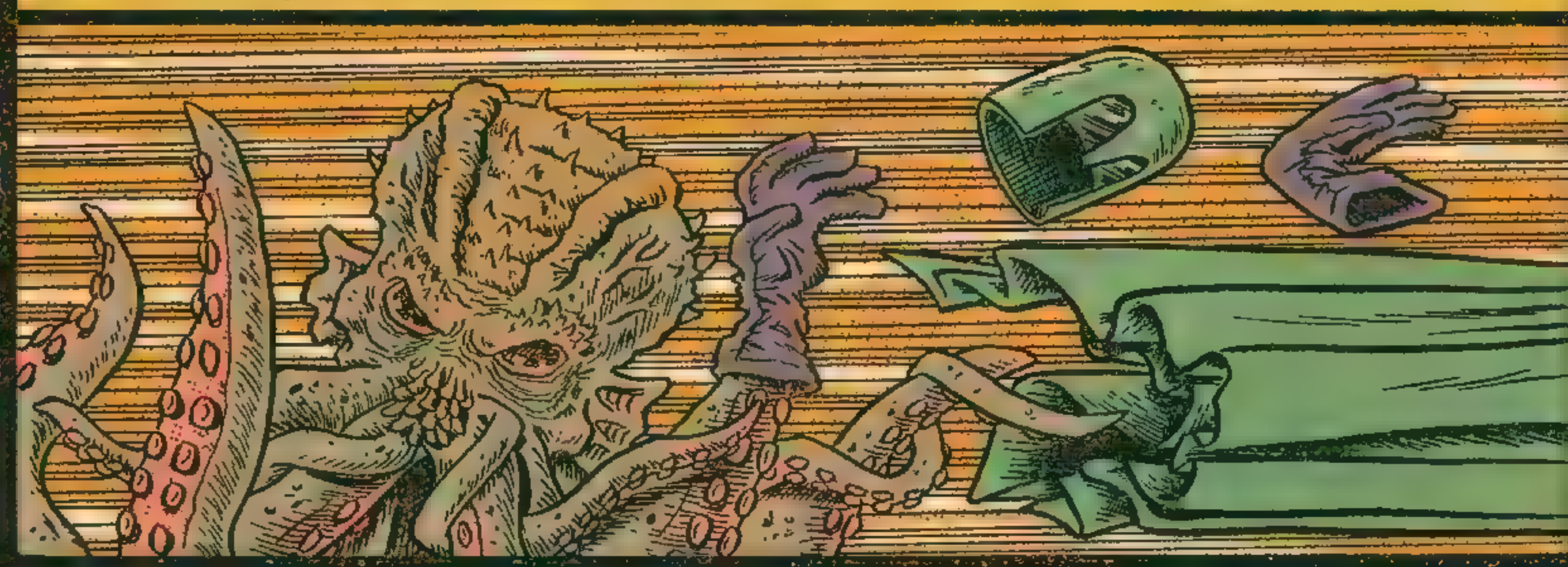




POOR JEAN GREY USES WHAT'S LEFT OF HER MENTAL RESERVES TO JOSTLE BANSHEE AND PROFESSOR X AWAKE.



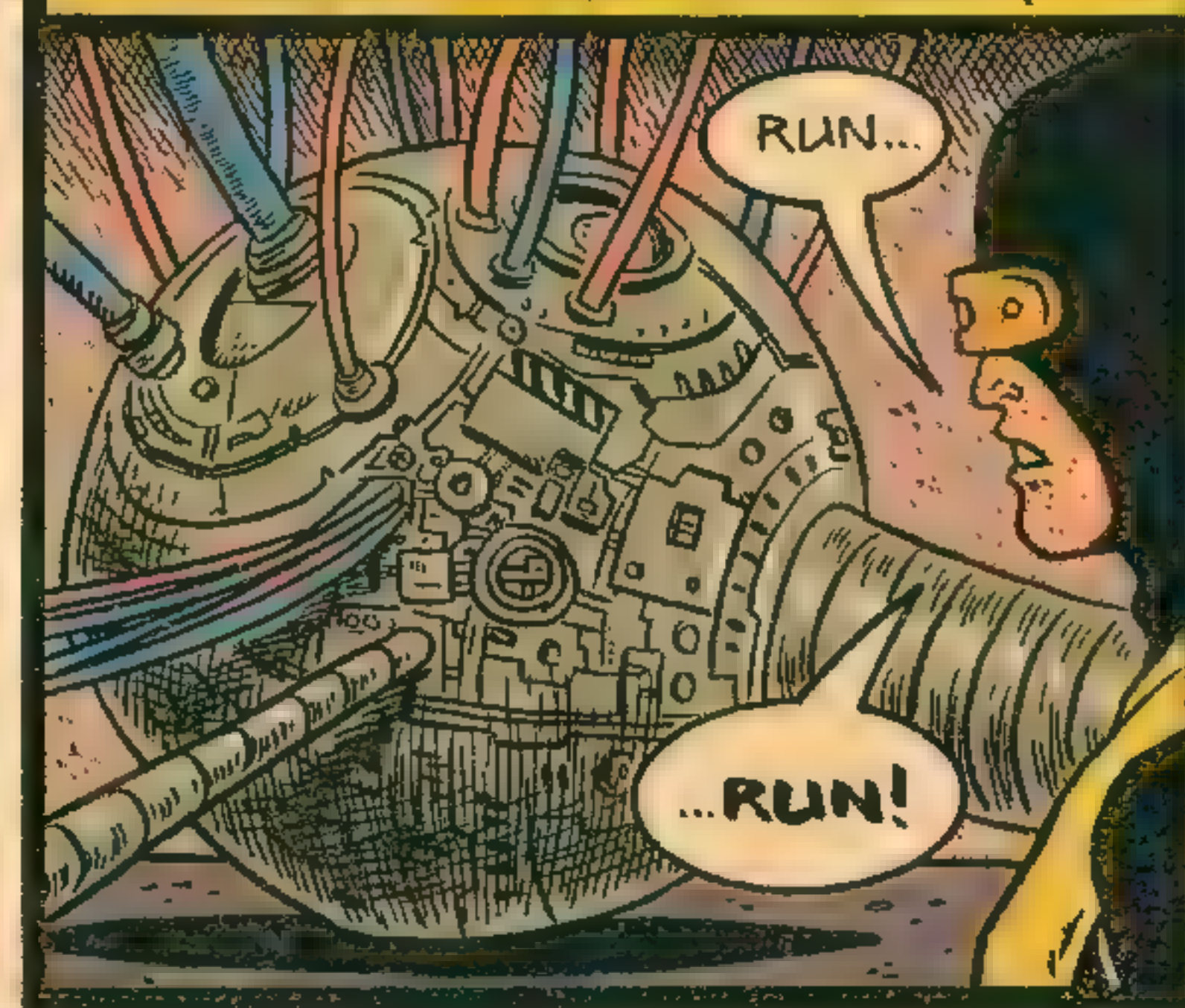
BEFORE HIS FACADE GETS COMPLETELY WIPED AWAY, MUTANT MASTER REALIZES HE SHOULD HAVE LET HIS MEN KILL BANSHEE WHEN THEY MADE THE SUGGESTION.



NOW THAT MUTANT MASTER IS EXPOSED, HE CHOOSES THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE OPTION FOR A DISGRACED MEMBER OF HIS SPECIES...



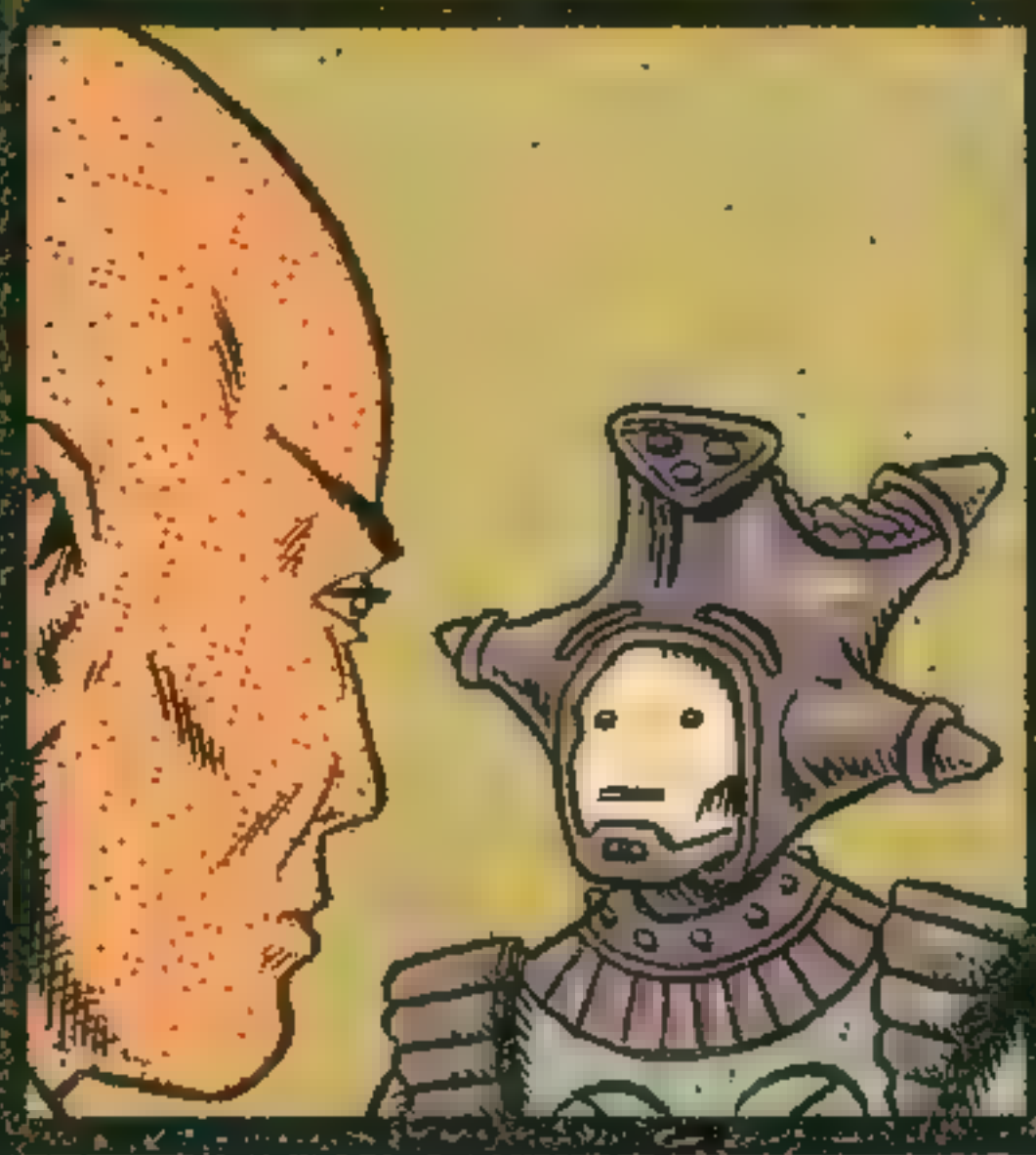
... SELF-DESTRUCTION !



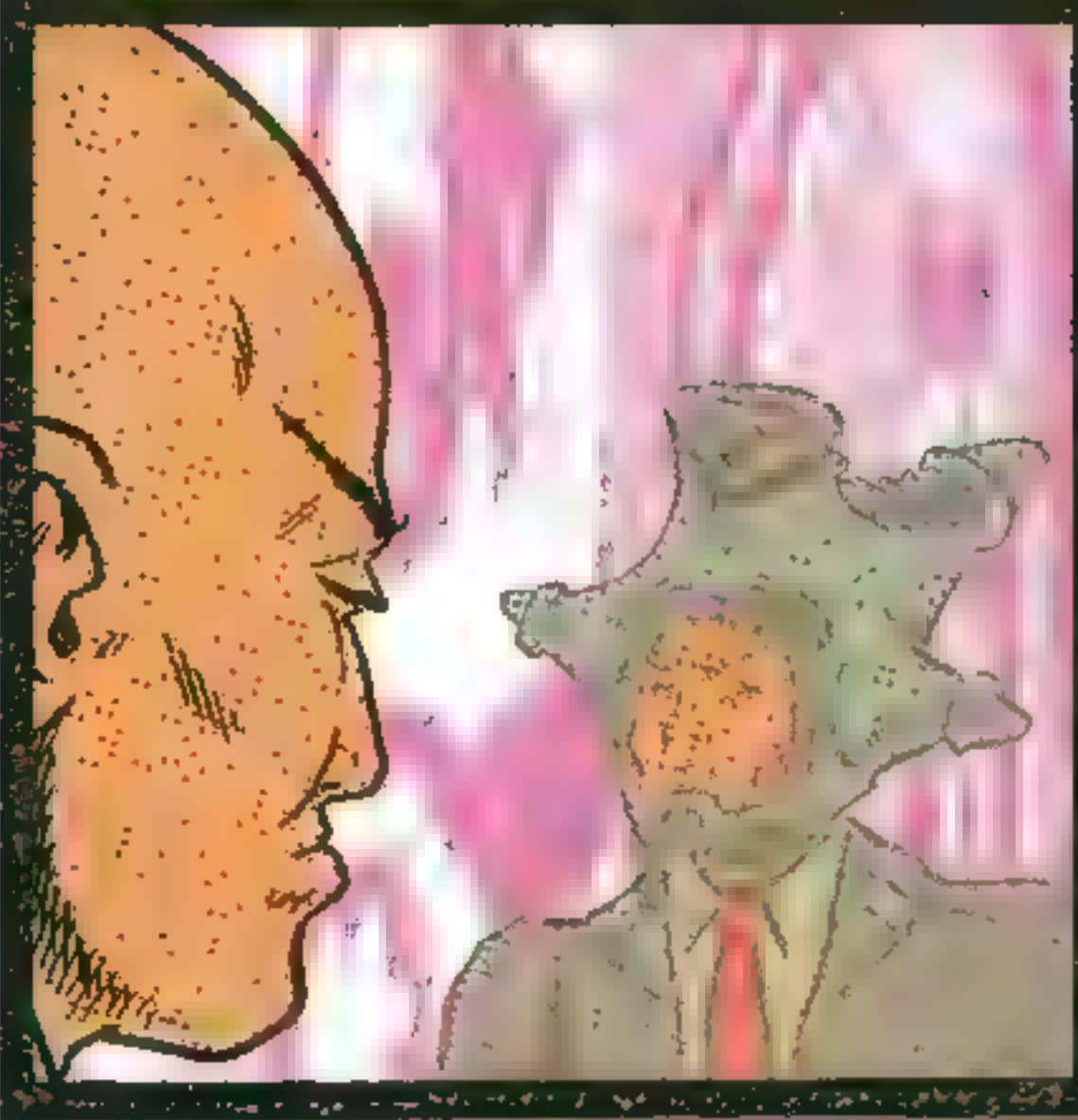
MUTANT MASTER'S DEMISE HAS TRIGGERED A MASSIVE ALIEN HORDE HEADING TO EARTH SPECIFICALLY FOR ME.



XAVIER TELLS HIS PUPILS WHAT HE LEARNED OF THE PHOENIX WHEN HE WAS HELD CAPTIVE.



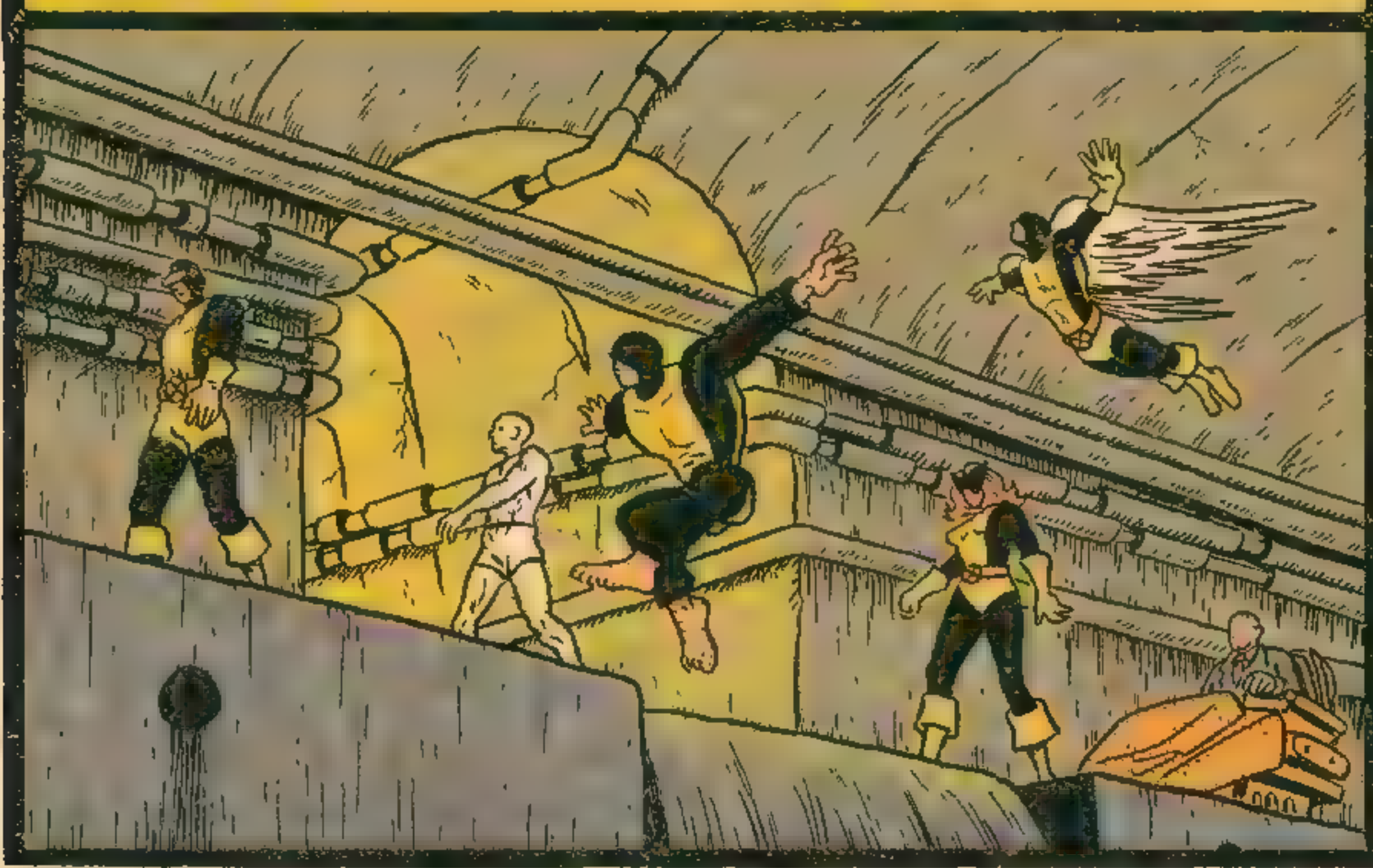
CHARLES ATTEMPTS TO CAST INFLUENCE OVER THE ARTIFICIAL MIND OF THE CHANGELING ANDROID.



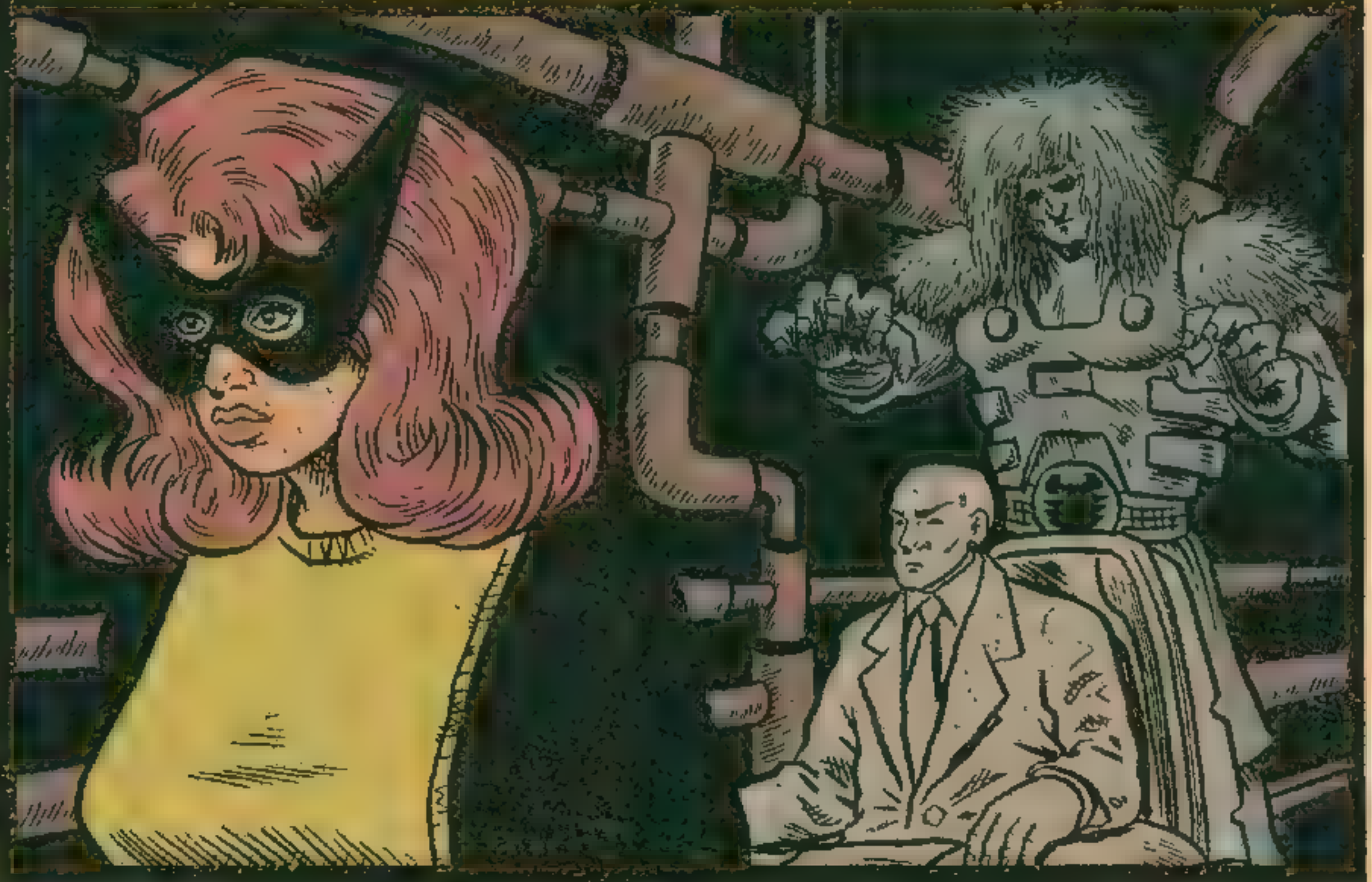
HE MUST DEVOTE ALL OF HIS INTELLECT TO DEFENDING AGAINST THE INVASION WITHOUT DROPPING OUT OF SIGHT.



CEREBRO DISCOVERED THAT A MURDEROUS MUTANT USES SUBTERRANEAN MANHATTAN TO HIDE OUT.



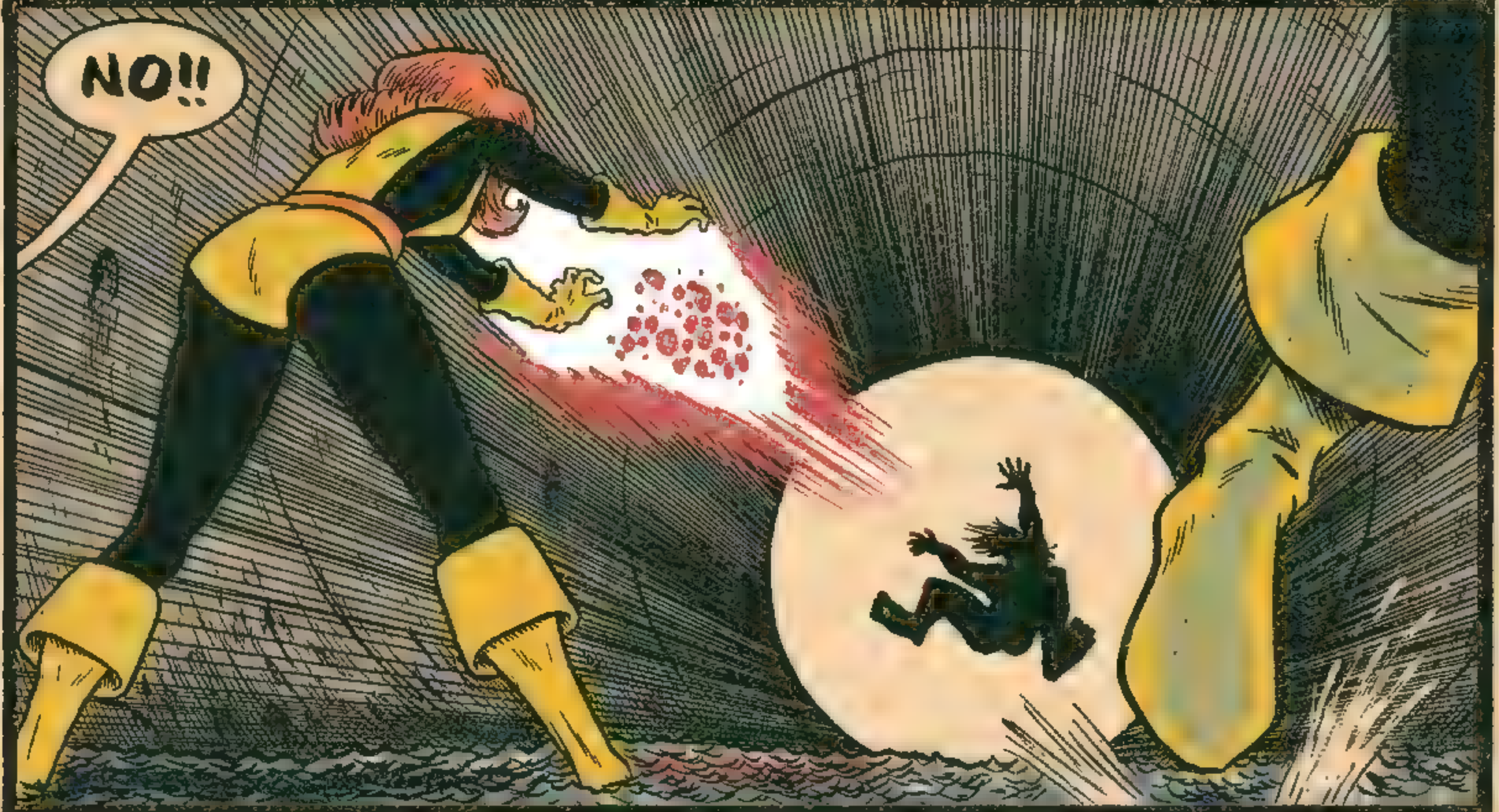
GROTESK KILLED DOZENS BEFORE THE X-MEN PINPOINTED HIS LOCATION.



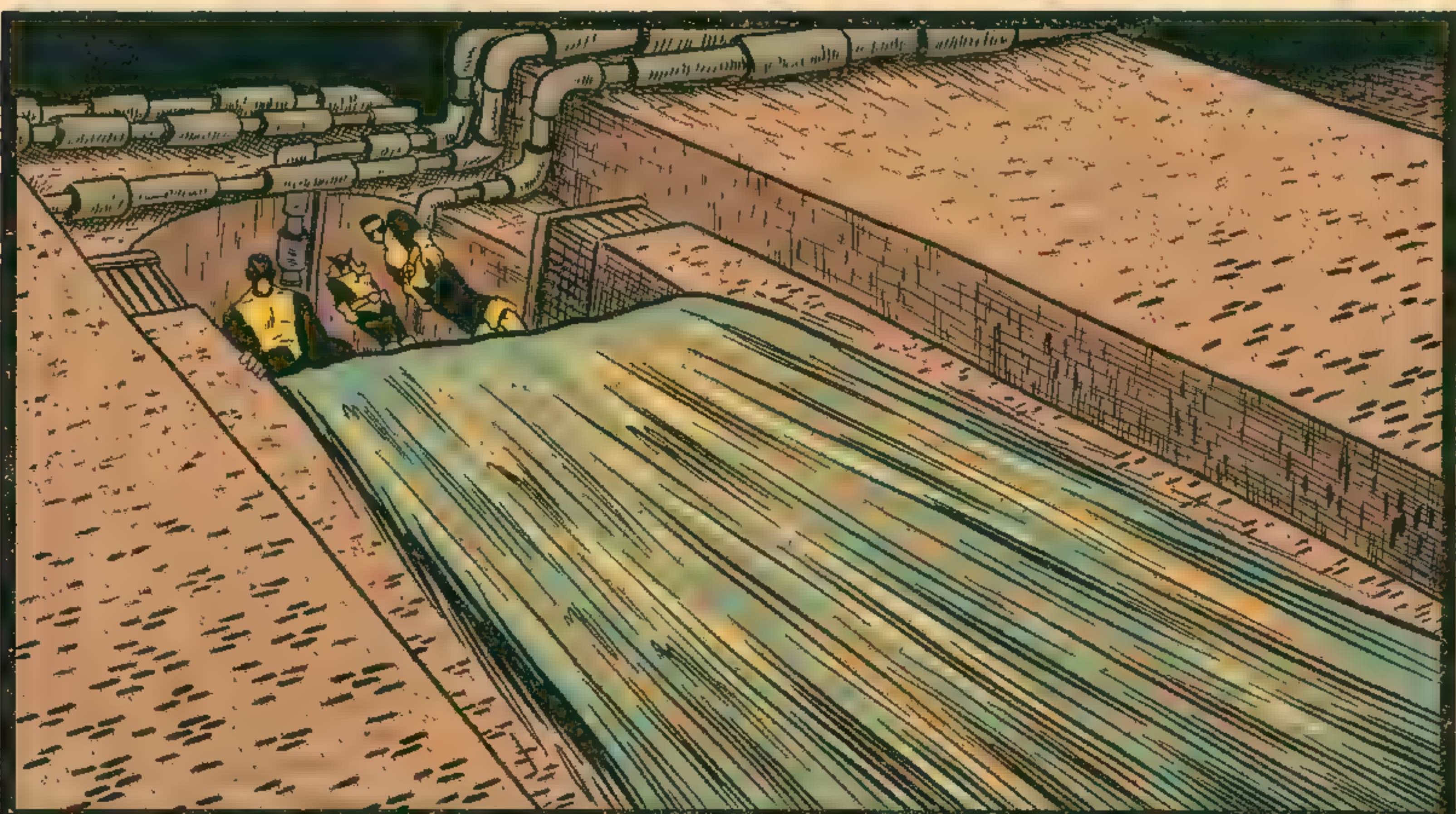
ONE MORE BODY GETS ADDED TO THE LIST WHEN THEY ARRIVE.



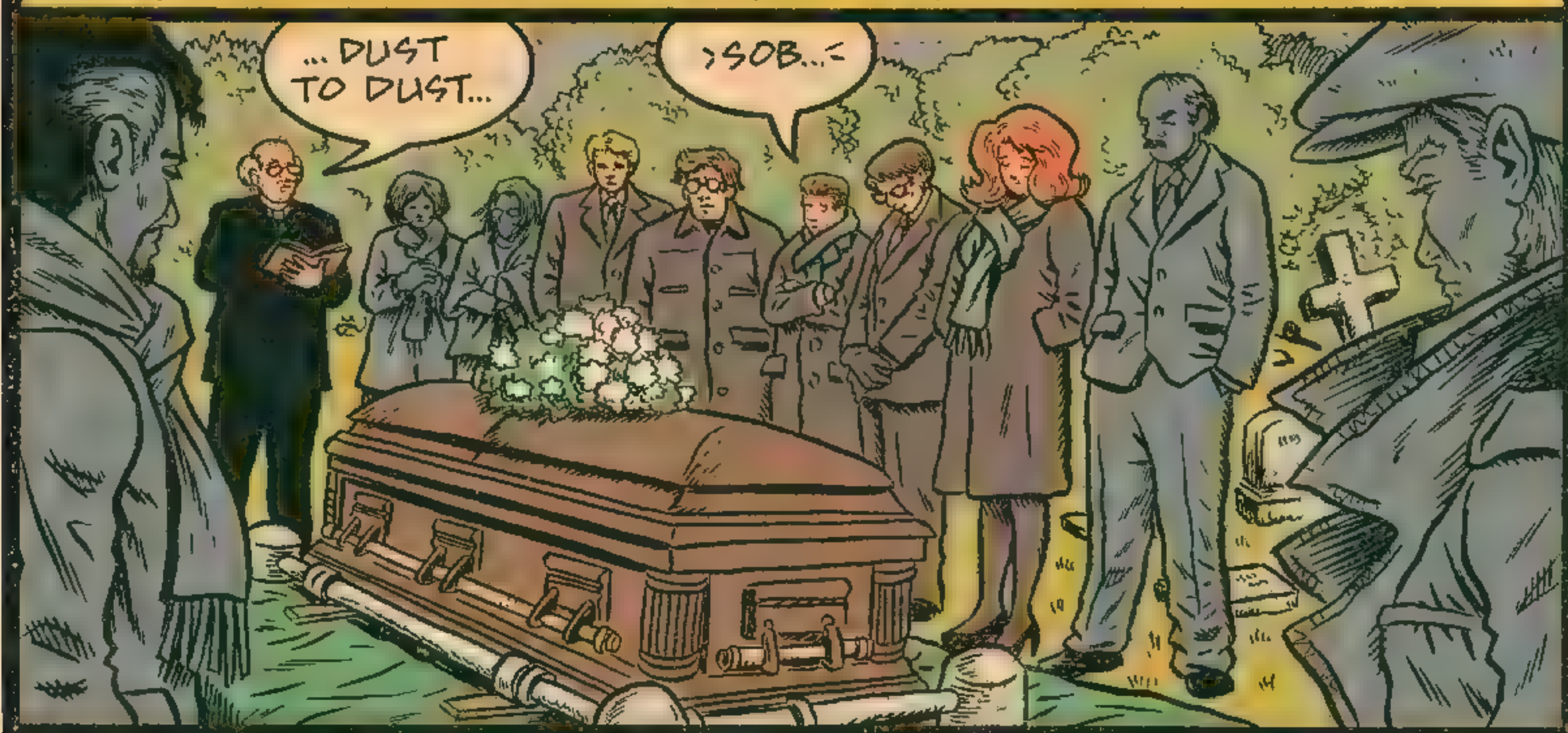
NO!!



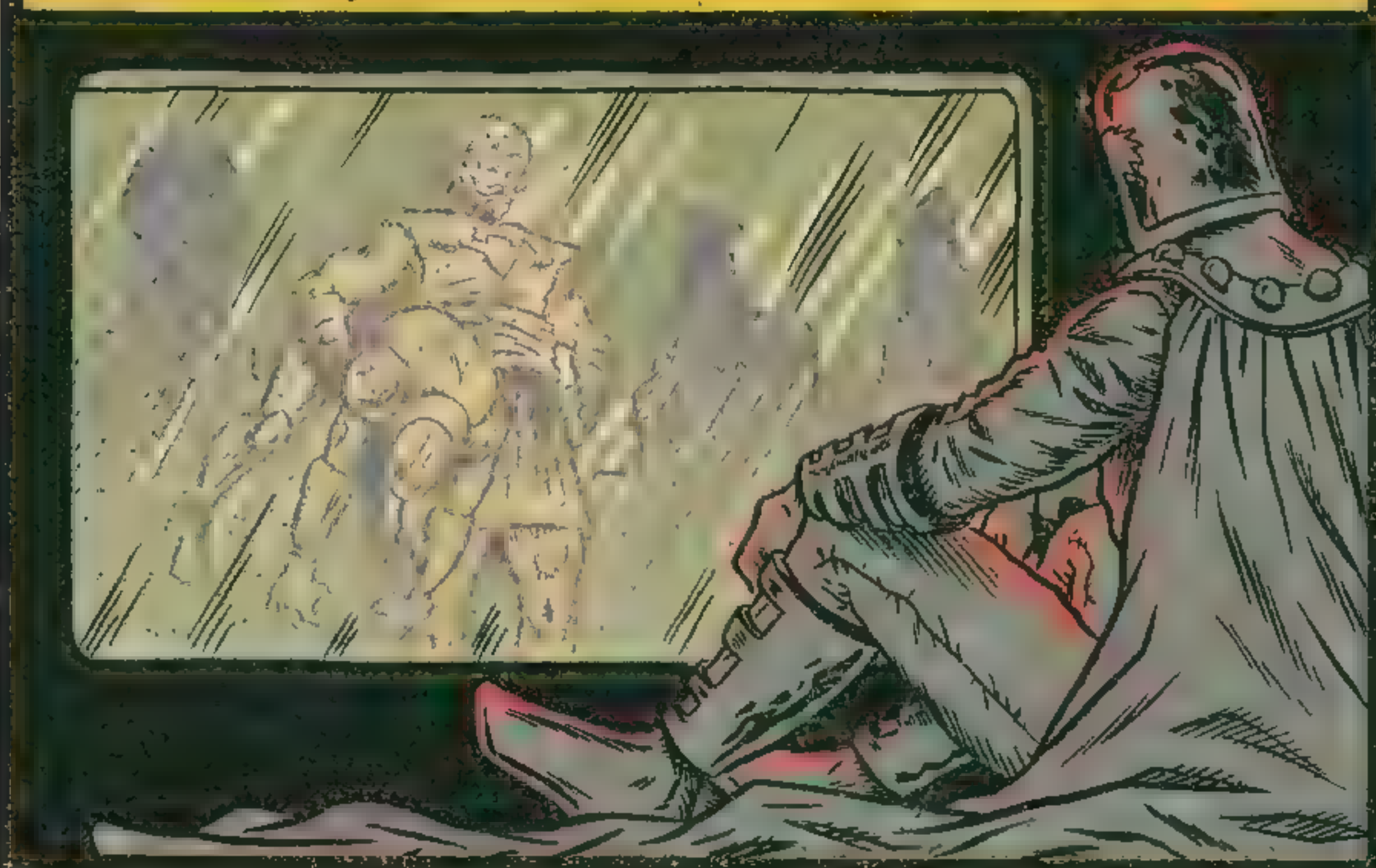
THE X-MEN NOW THINK THIS WAS PROFESSOR X'S PLAN THE ENTIRE TIME.



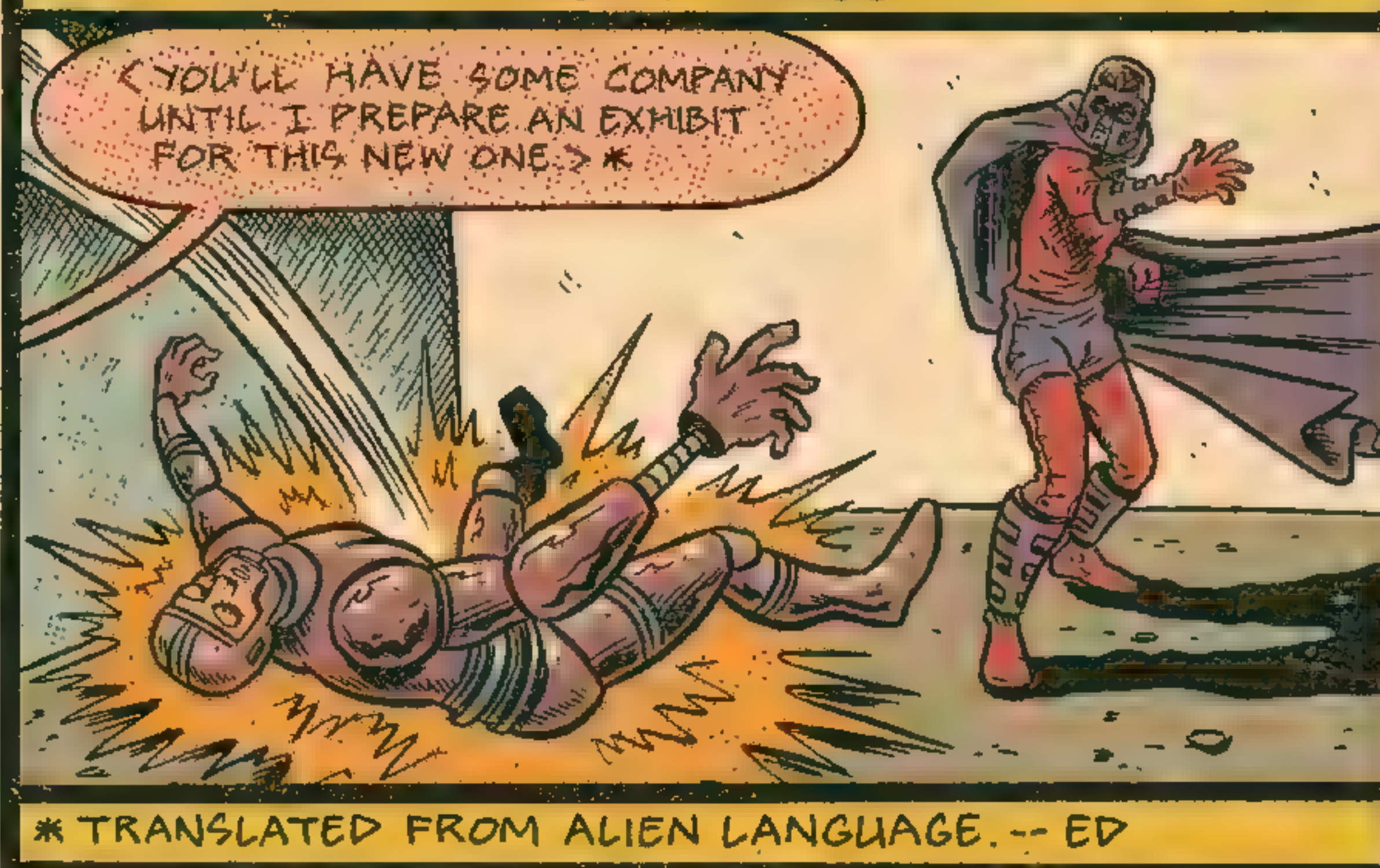
THE X-MEN WERE INCREDIBLY UNCOMFORTABLE KEEPING UP THE DECEPTION TO THE EXTENT XAVIER REQUIRED, BUT THEY HAD TO TRUST THE RUSE WAS FOR A GREATER PURPOSE.



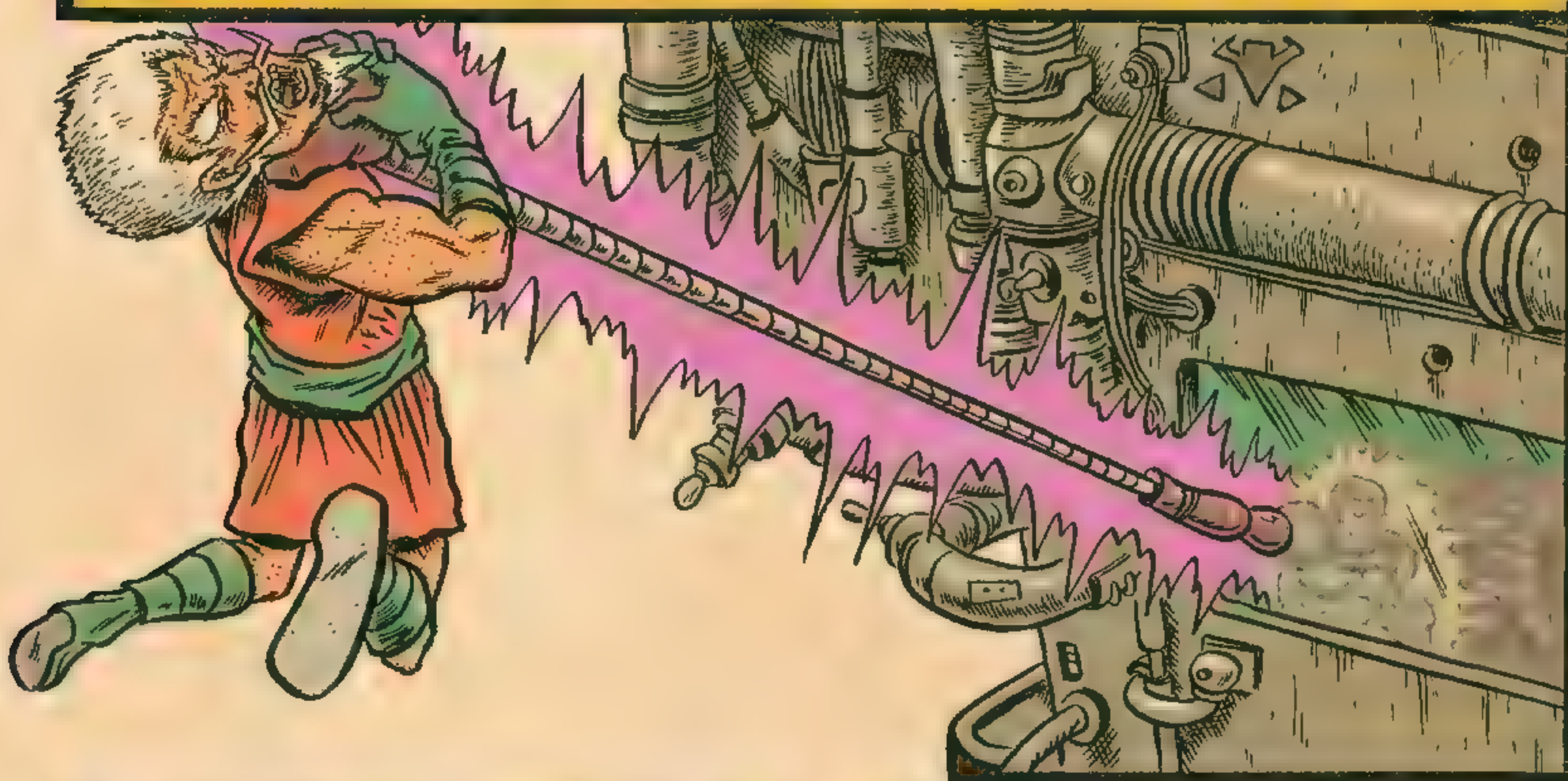
AFTER WHAT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY, MAGNETO WAS BACK ON PLANET EARTH, FAR FROM THE STRANGER'S DOMINION.



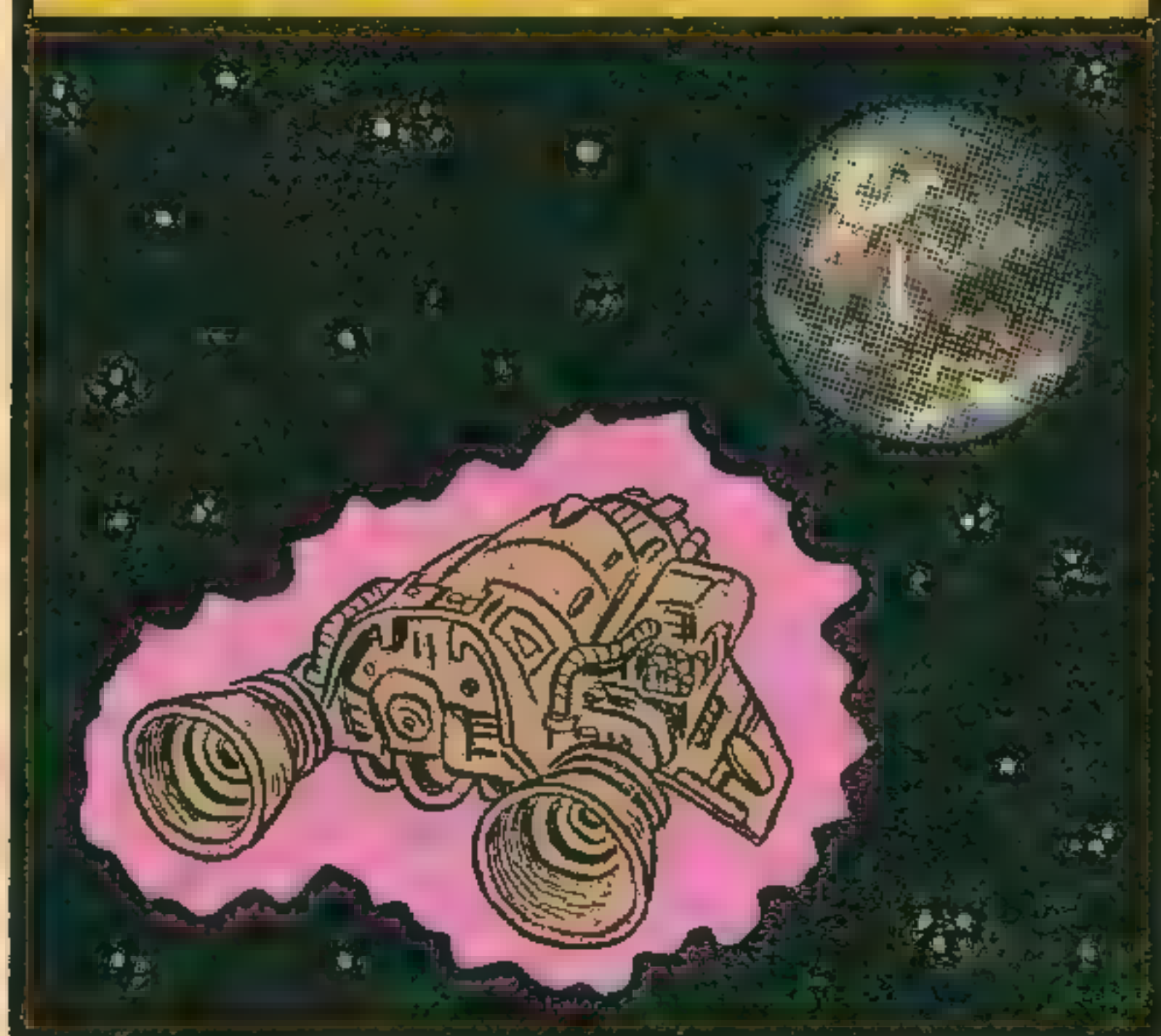
THE STRANGER COLLECTED BEINGS HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE POTENTIAL SUITORS FOR THE ALL-POWERFUL PHOENIX FORCE.



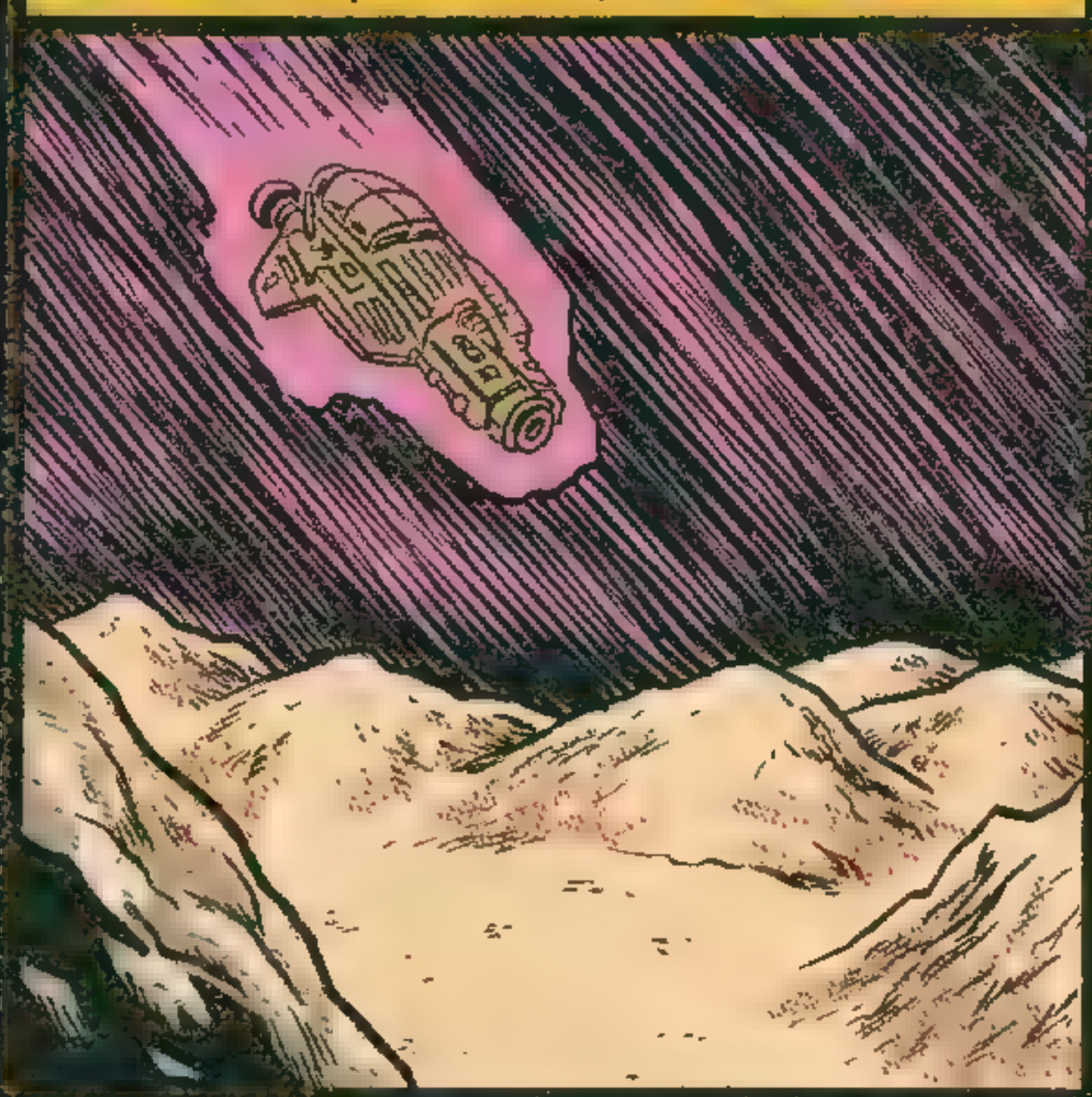
IT WAS AN ACT OF FOLLY TO PUT A METAL MACHINE MAN NEAR MAGNUS.



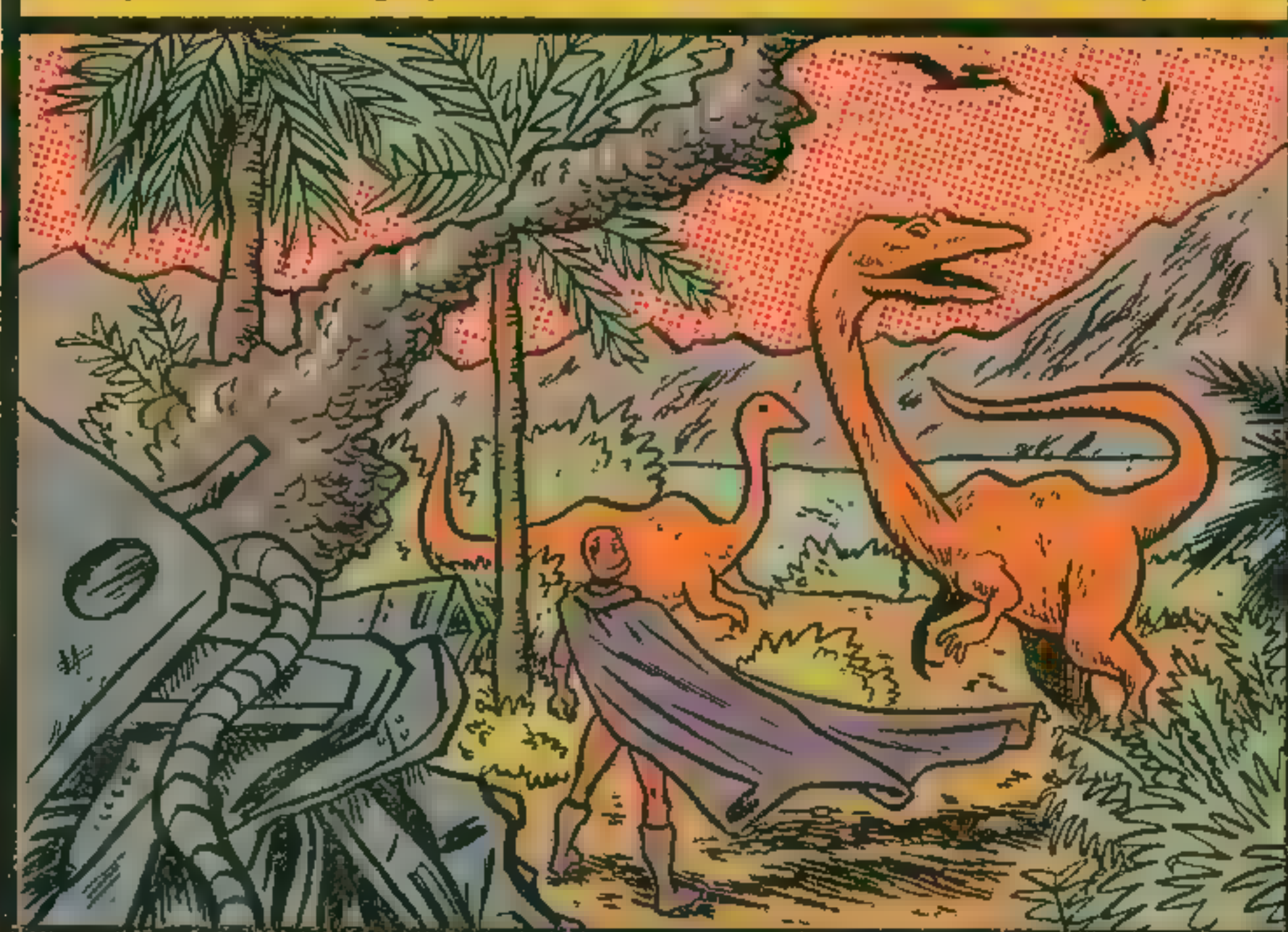
THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM LOCATES A VESSEL OF FAMILIAR ALLOYS. HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE A MASTER PILOT TO ESCAPE.



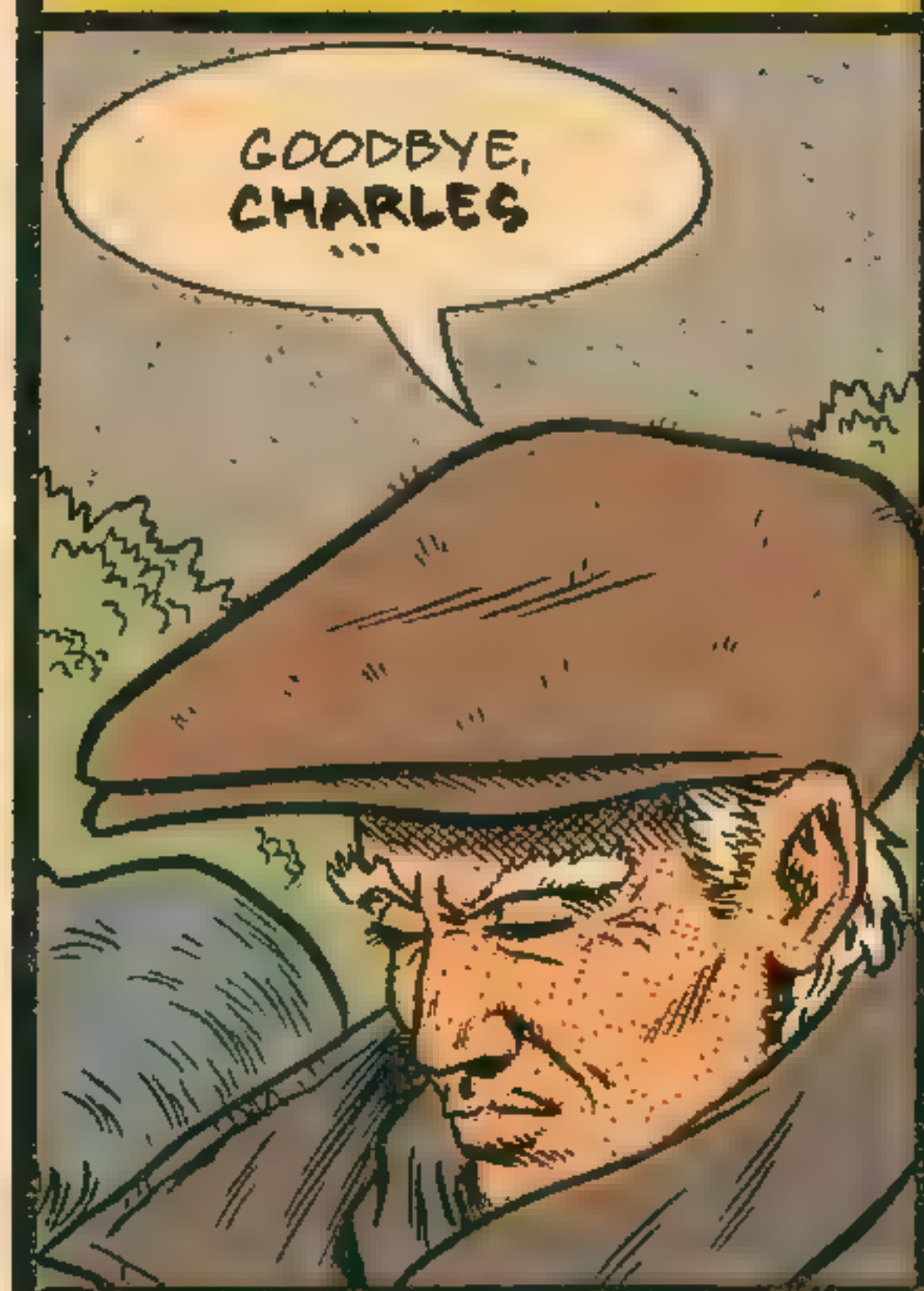
THIS CAN, HOWEVER, MAKE FOR A VERY HARSH LANDING.



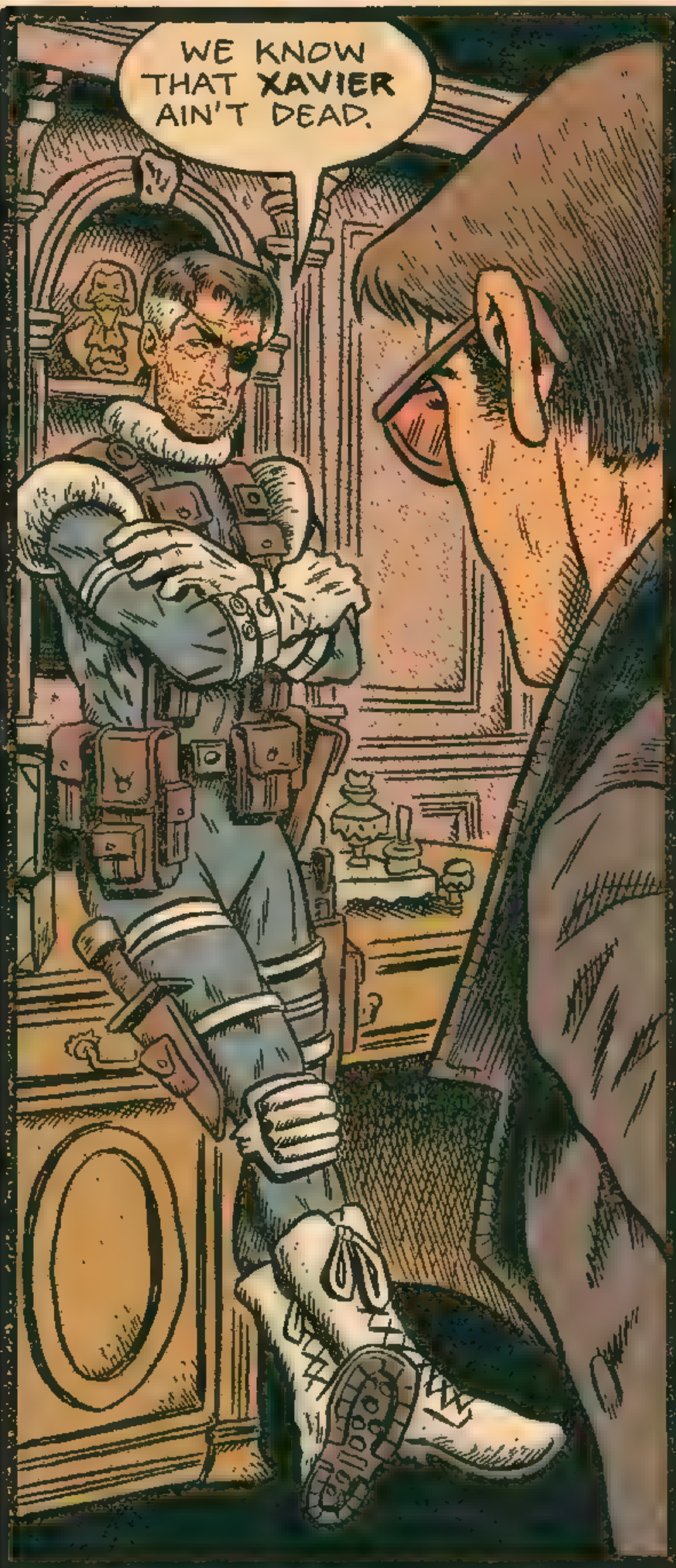
MAGNETO SWORE WHEN HE TOUCHED DOWN HE WAS SOMEWHERE IN ANTARCTICA, BUT AFTER EMERGING FROM THE RUBBLE HE REALIZES HE'S IN PARADISE.



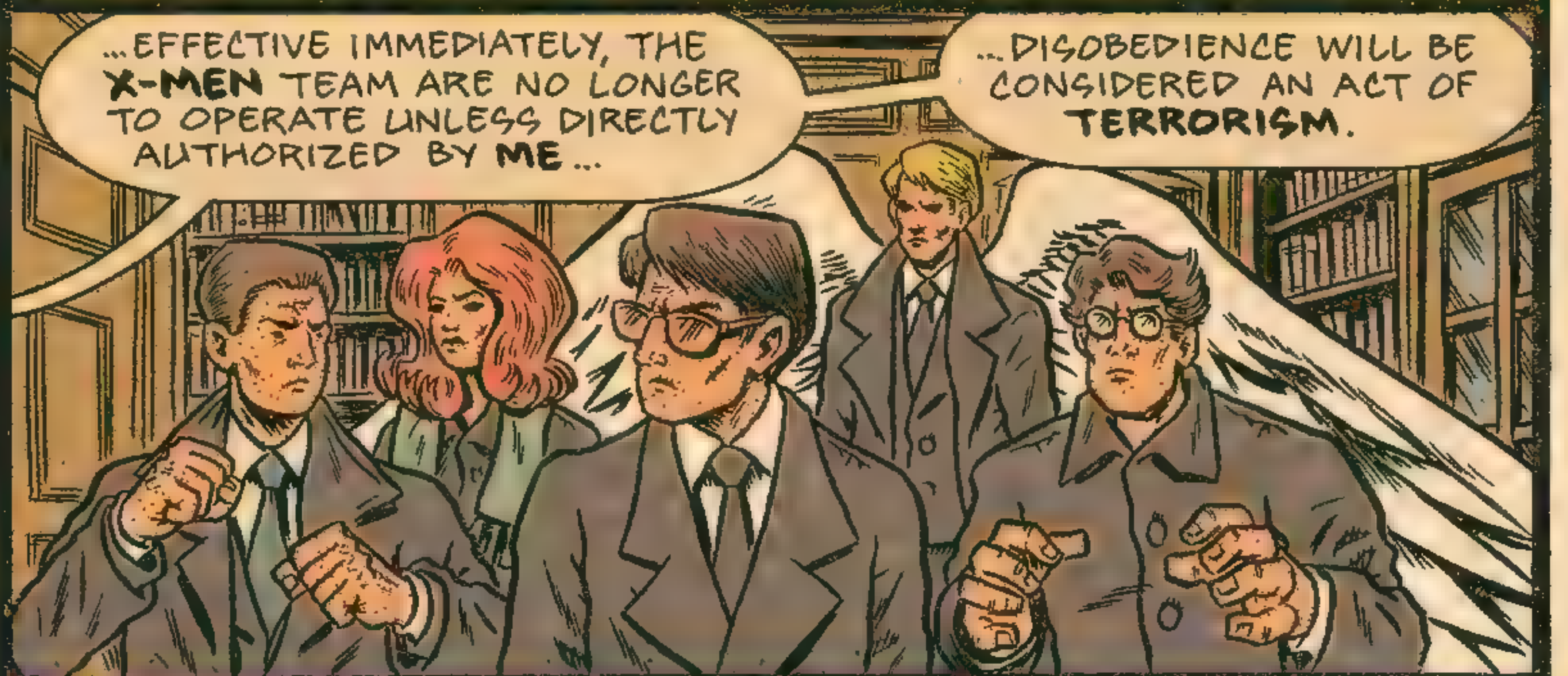
NOW, HERE HE STANDS...



SILLY FOR THE X-MEN TO THINK THEY COULD FIND REFUGE FROM THEIR DECEPTION BACK AT THEIR MANSION.

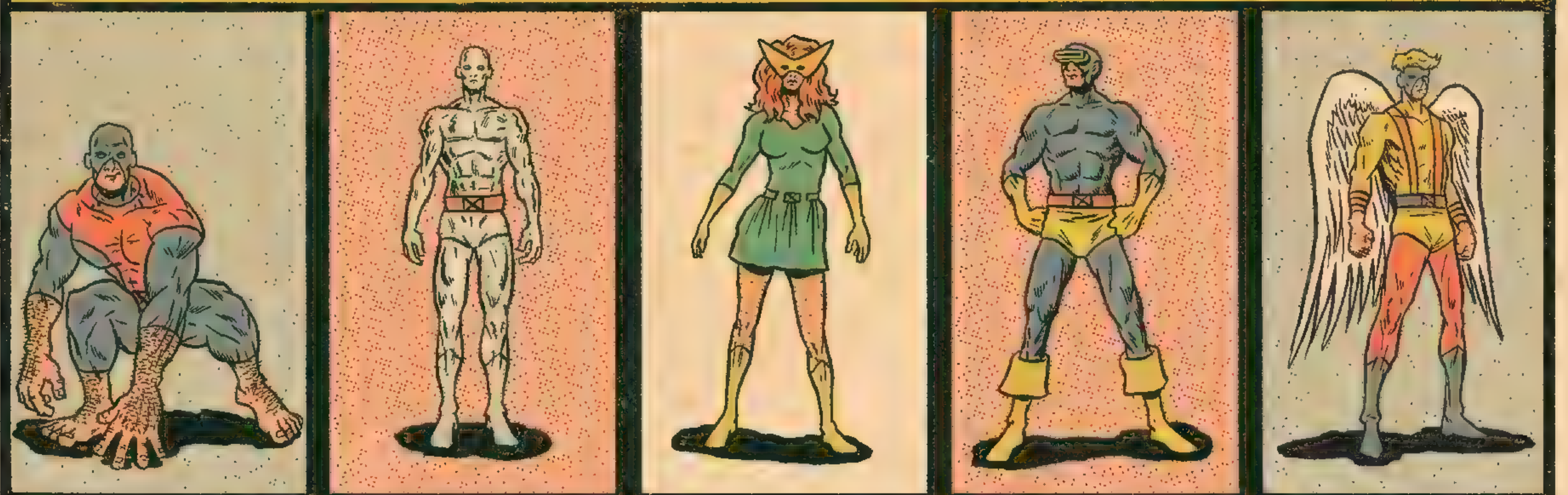


THE TOTAL INSUBORDINATION OF XAVIER'S YOUNG STUDENTS PUSHES THE HAND OF NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.*

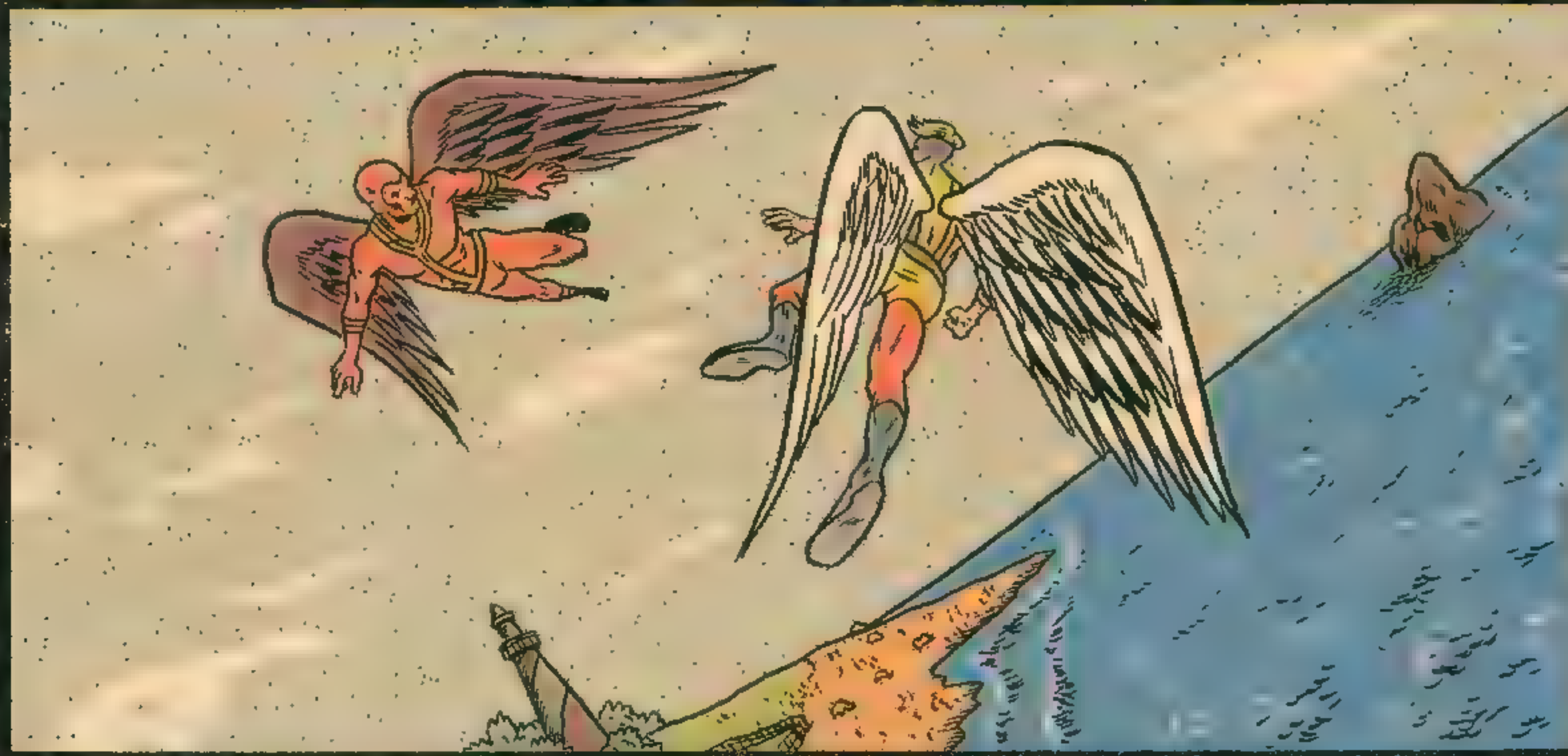


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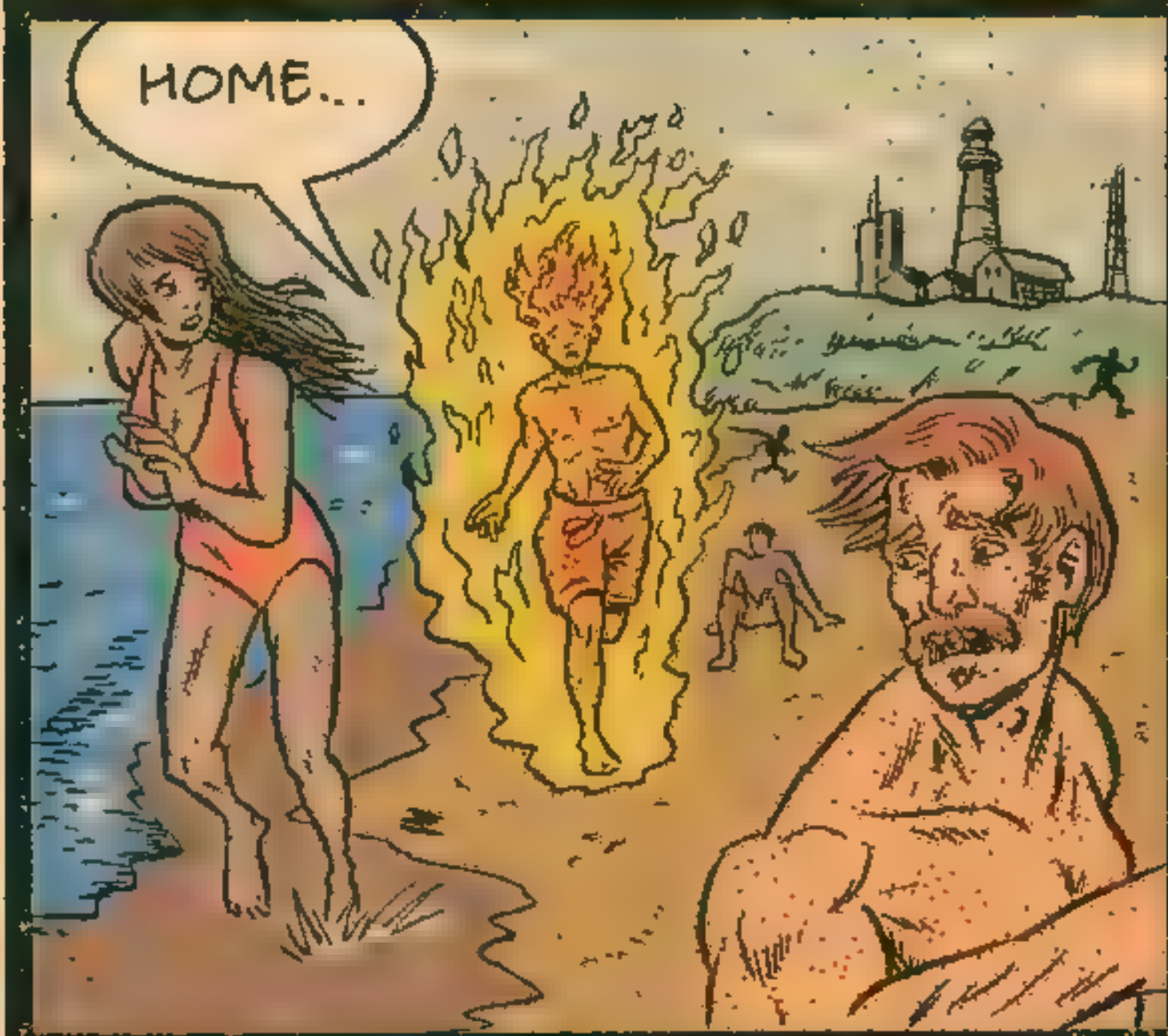
FURY SAID NOTHING ABOUT PREVENTING THE BAND OF MUTANTS FROM OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY WHILE CARRYING ON PROFESSOR X'S MISSION.



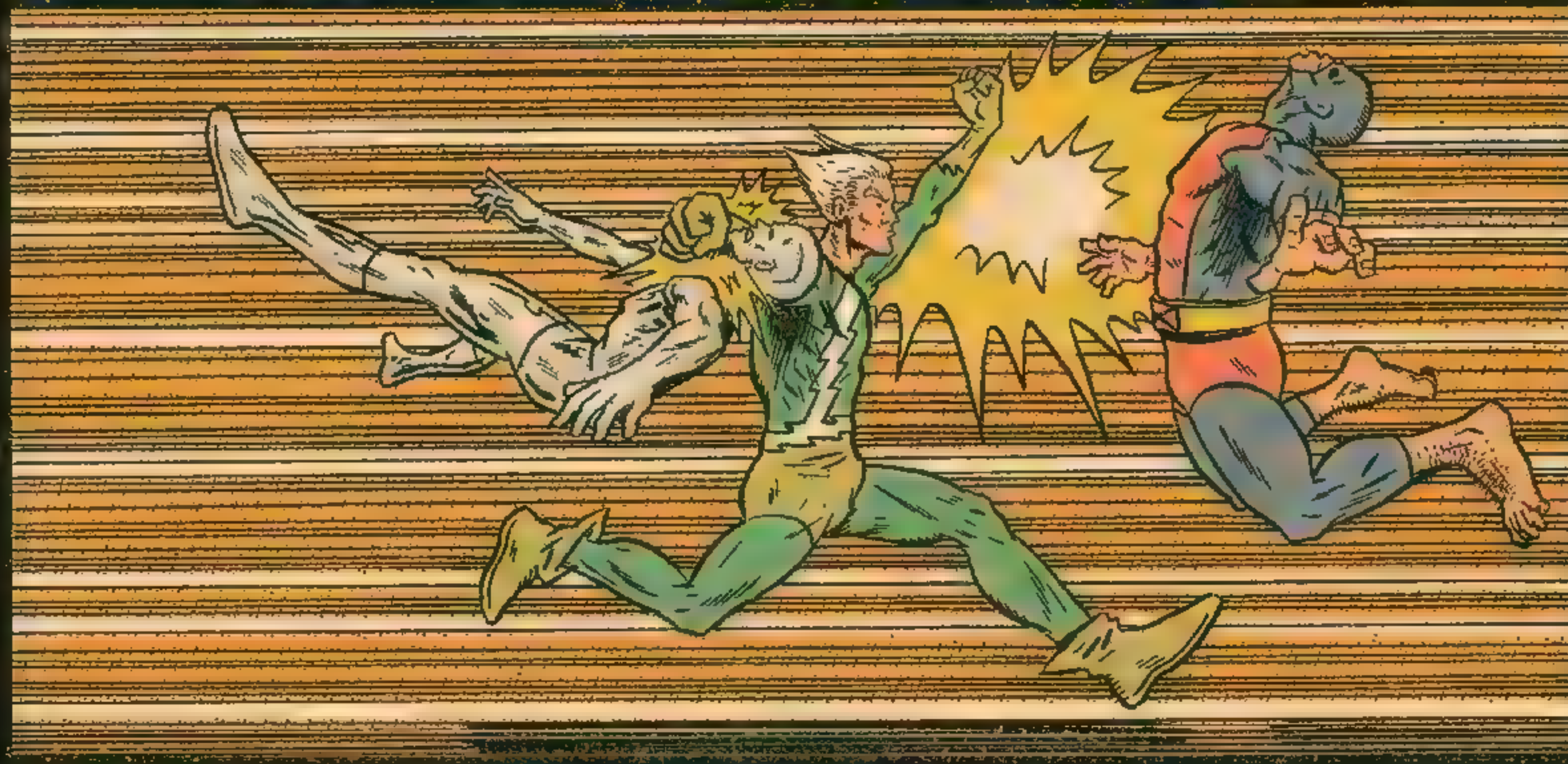
OFF THE SHORES OF LONG ISLAND, THE ANGEL MEETS A MYSTERIOUS RED RAVEN.



WITHIN EYESHOT OF THEIR SCUFFLE, A YOUNG MUTANT NAMED JOHN FALLS INTO AN ABRUPT TRANCE...



IN SAN FRANCISCO, BEAST AND ICEMAN REALIZE THEIR DEFICIENCIES OUTSIDE OF THE TEAM DYNAMIC.



IN MISSISSIPPI, ANNA MARIE LEAVES HOME. SHE, TOO, IS A PUPPET UNDER A SPELL.



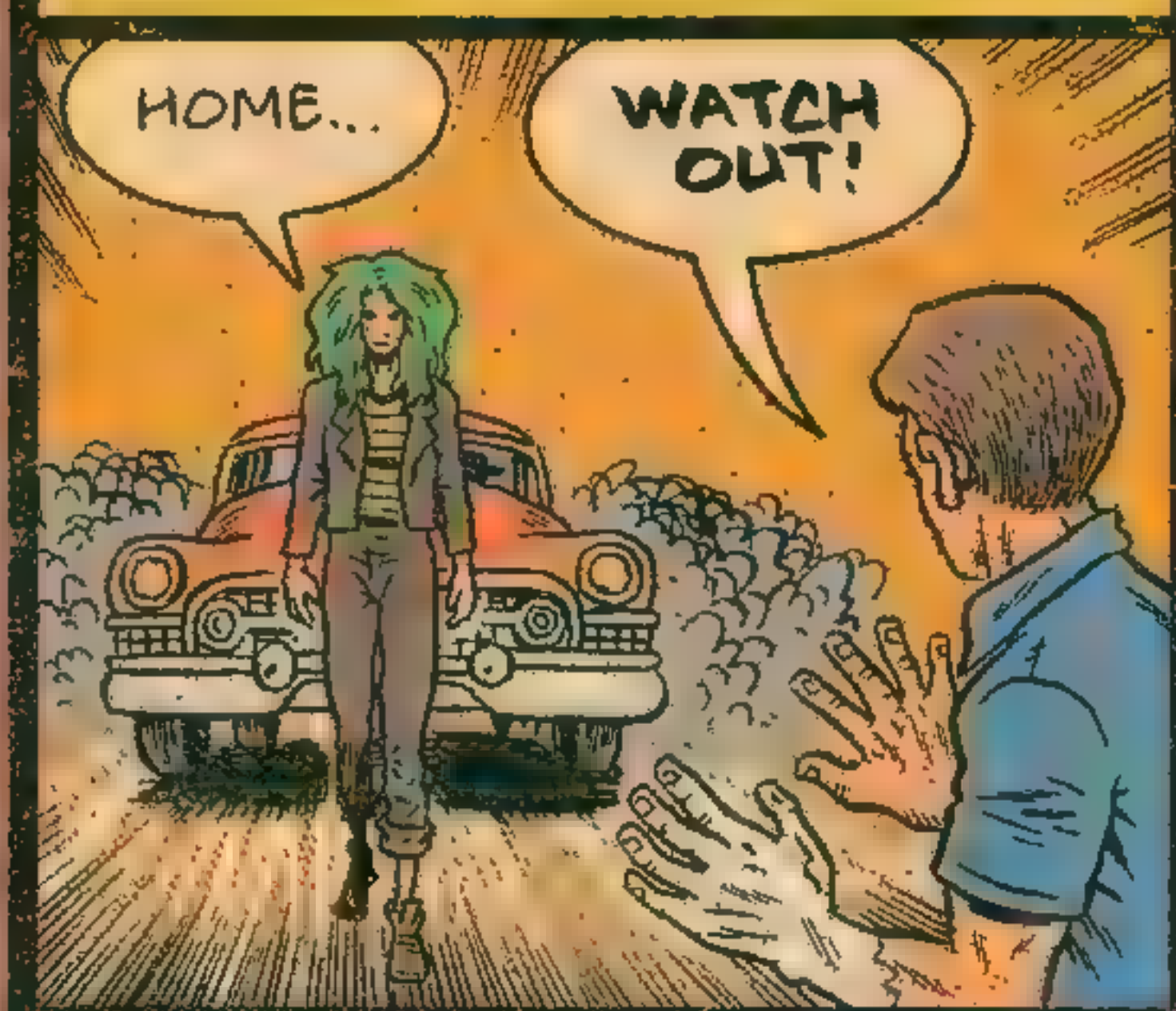
CYCLOPS AND MARVEL GIRL WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO BE ON VACATION.



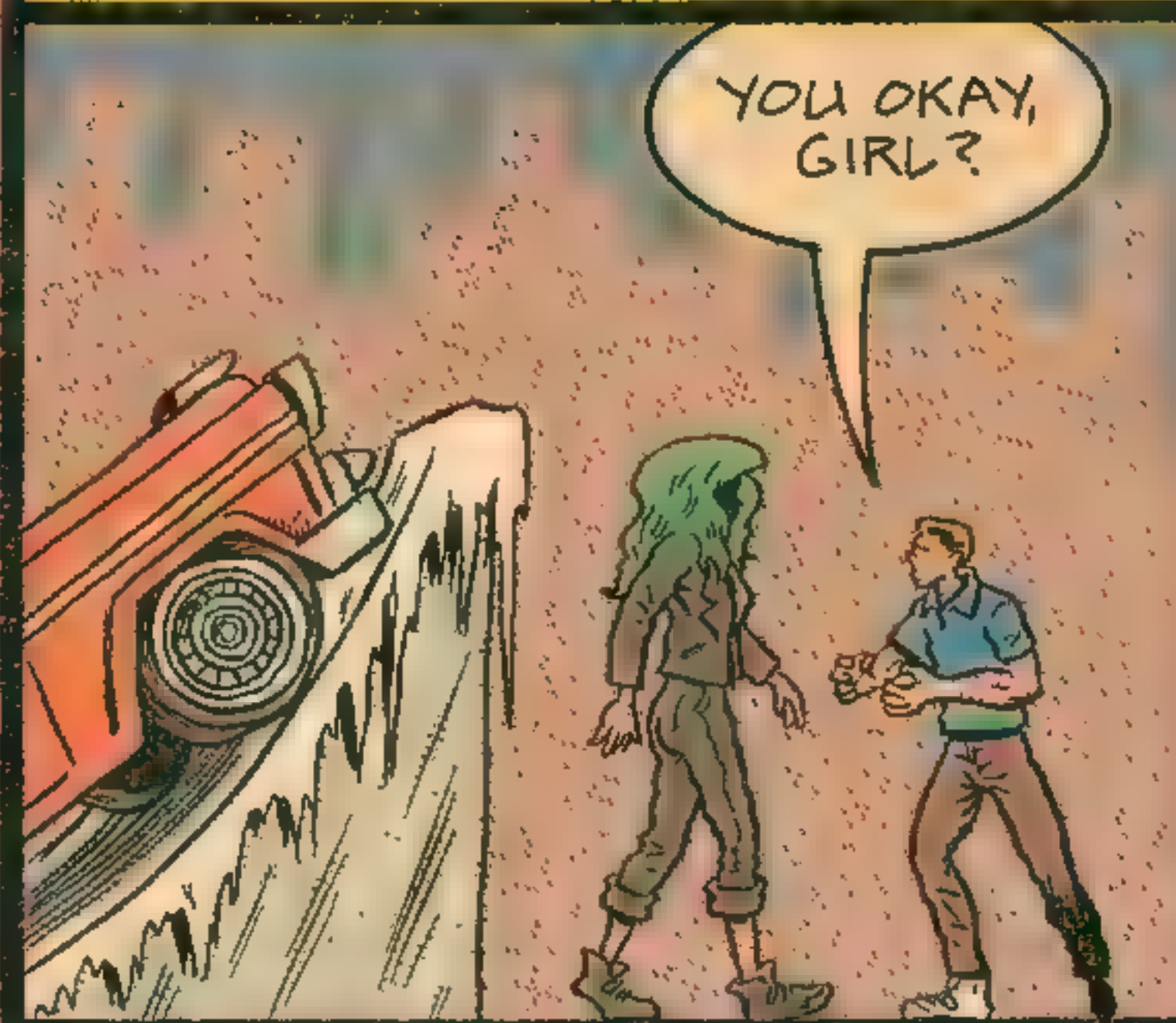
IN THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE, THE FIRST LOT OF DAZED, SEDUCED, MUTANTS BEGIN SHOWING UP TO BE WHISKED AWAY.



LORNA DANE'S MIND KEEPS SWIMMING WITH VISIONS OF THE SAVAGE LAND... OF FAMILY.



BOBBY DRAKE'S REFLEXES REMAIN SHARP...



...BUT PERHAPS ICEMAN'S INSTINCTS AREN'T SHARP ENOUGH...



LIKE A SUPERNOVA, LORNA DANE BURNT HERSELF OUT STRAIGHTAWAY.



WEIGHING THEIR OPTIONS, HENRY MCCOY SEEKS A SECOND OPINION.



ALL OF A SUDDEN EVERYBODY BECOMES ABUNDANTLY CONSCIOUS OF LORNA DANE'S IMPORTANCE. TO WHOM? THAT IS THE QUESTION.



IT TAKES ABOUT TWO HOURS FOR THE BLACKBIRD JET TO ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM NEW YORK. THIS IS PRECISELY THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES FOR HENRY MCCOY AND BOBBY DRAKE TO WAKE BACK UP...



SHE'S GONE. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

SHE'S AS STRONG AS MAGNETO.

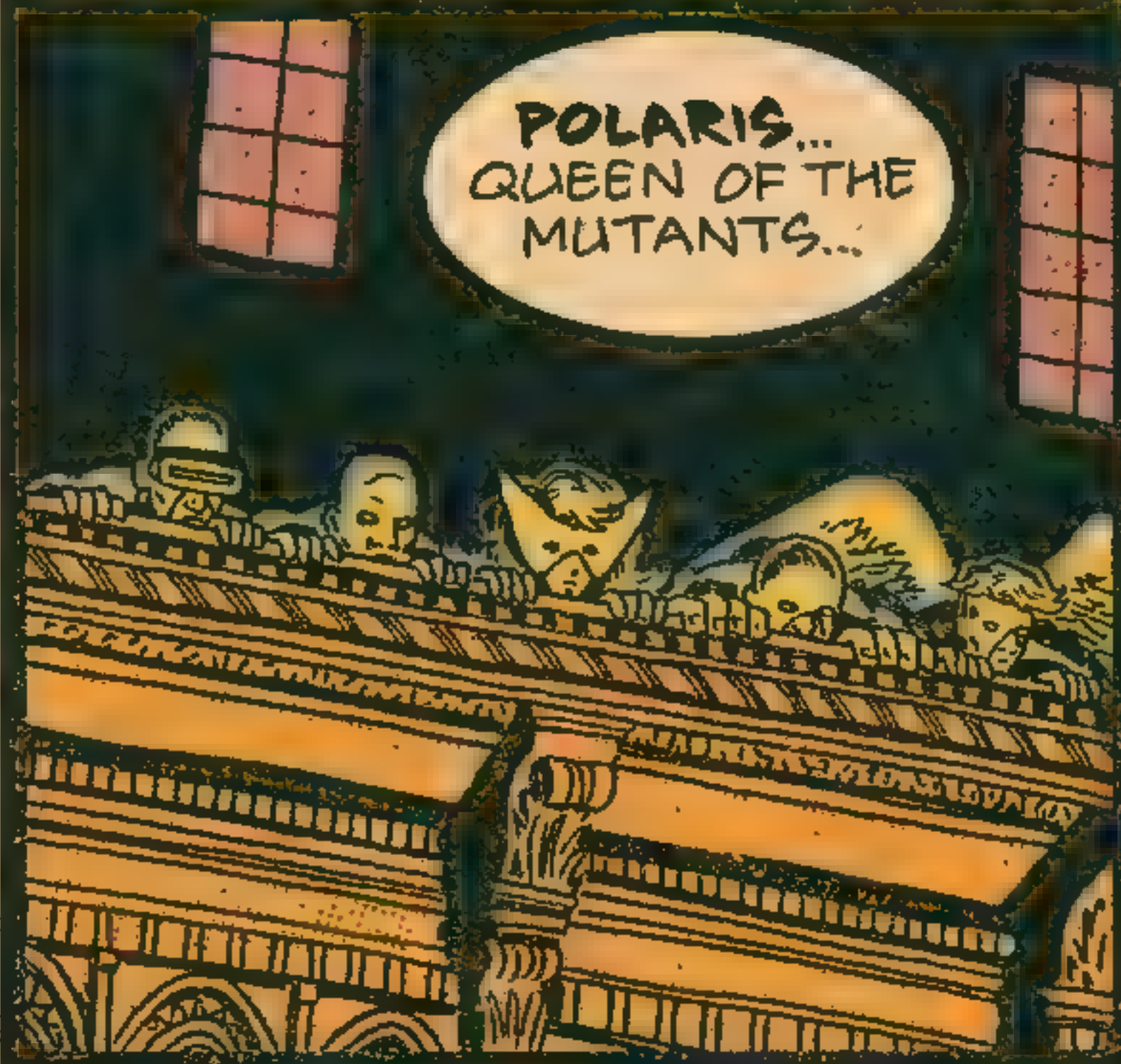


LORNA'S LOCATION BURNS WITH INCANDESCENT CLARITY.





THE X-MEN STEALTHILY DISPATCHED THE RANK-AND-FILE OF THIS EVIL WORKSHOP...

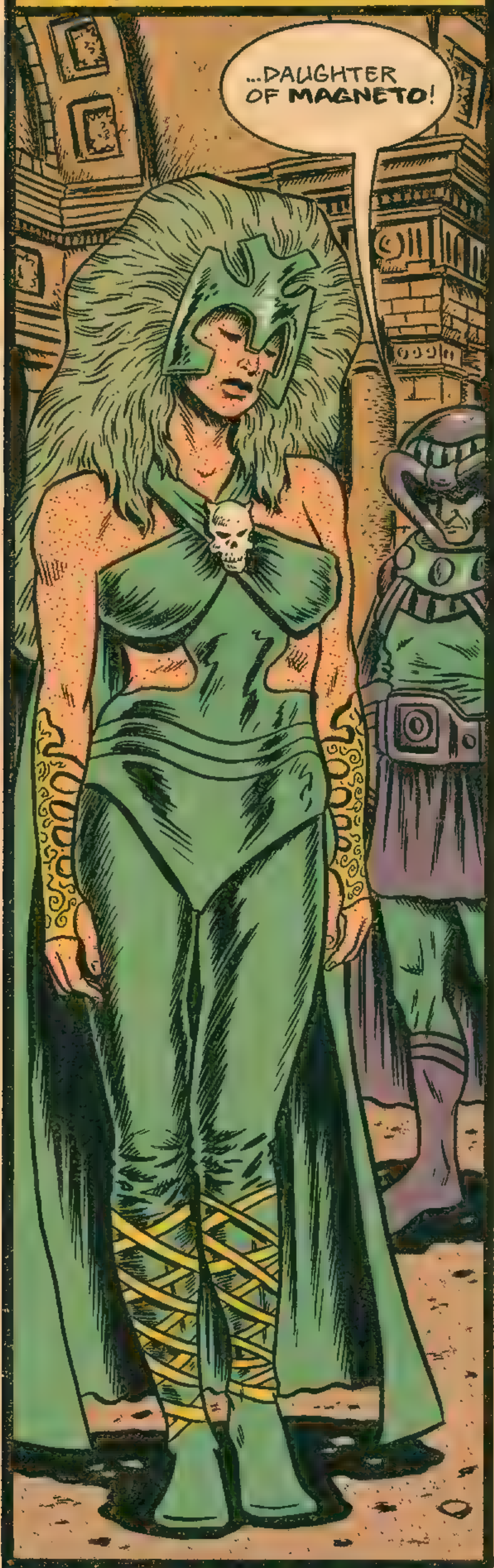


POLARIS...
QUEEN OF THE
MUTANTS...



WHAT IS HE DOING
TO LORNA?

LORNA DANE IS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL SUBJECT OF MAGNETO'S DREAM PROJECT, A MACHINE THAT ENHANCES LATENT MUTANT GENES INTO SUPER-POWERS.



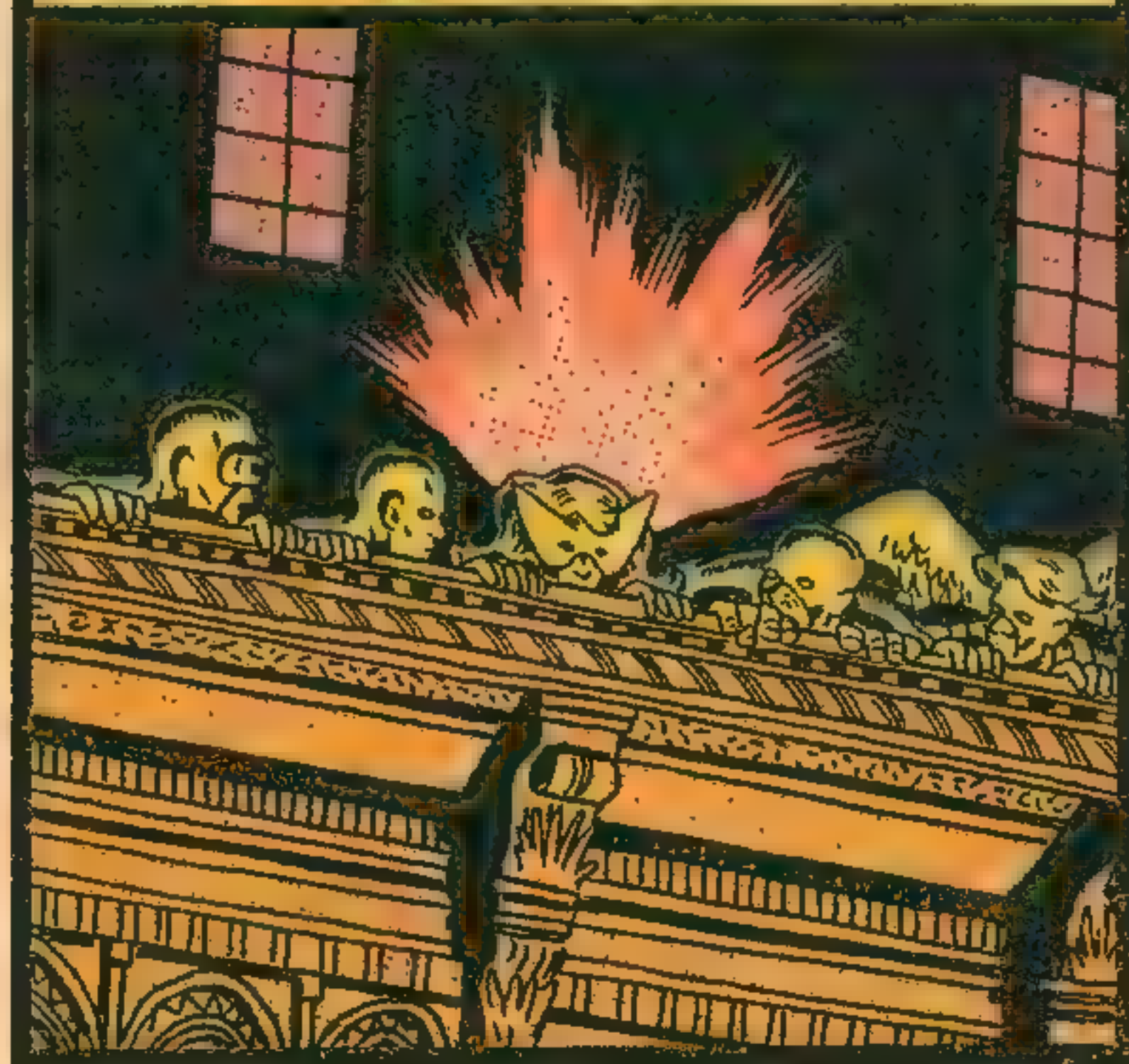
...DAUGHTER
OF MAGNETO!

MESMERO'S BEEN ALTERING DANE'S REALITY SINCE SAN FRANCISCO.



YOU WILL BE WITH
FATHER IN THE
SAVAGE LAND
SOON.

JEAN GREY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT IS BEING DONE TO THE GIRL.



JEAN MENTALLY PROJECTS A FIGURE FROM HER DREAMS TO DIRECTLY CONVINCE LORNA OF THE MANIPULATION TAKING PLACE...



DEEP WITHIN YOUR
SOUL YOU KNOW
WHAT IS TRUE.

POLARIS?

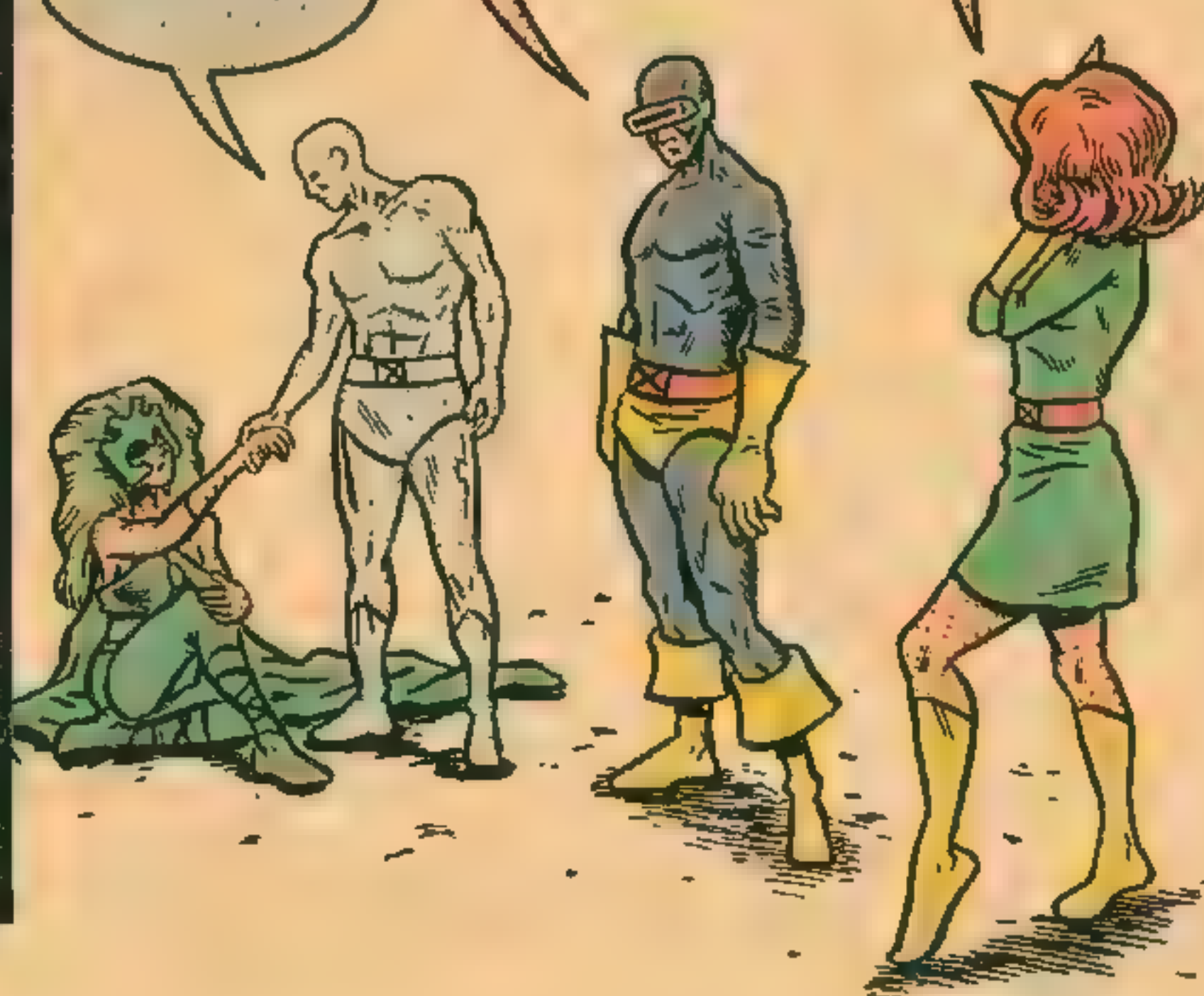
THE GAMBIT DOES ITS JOB.



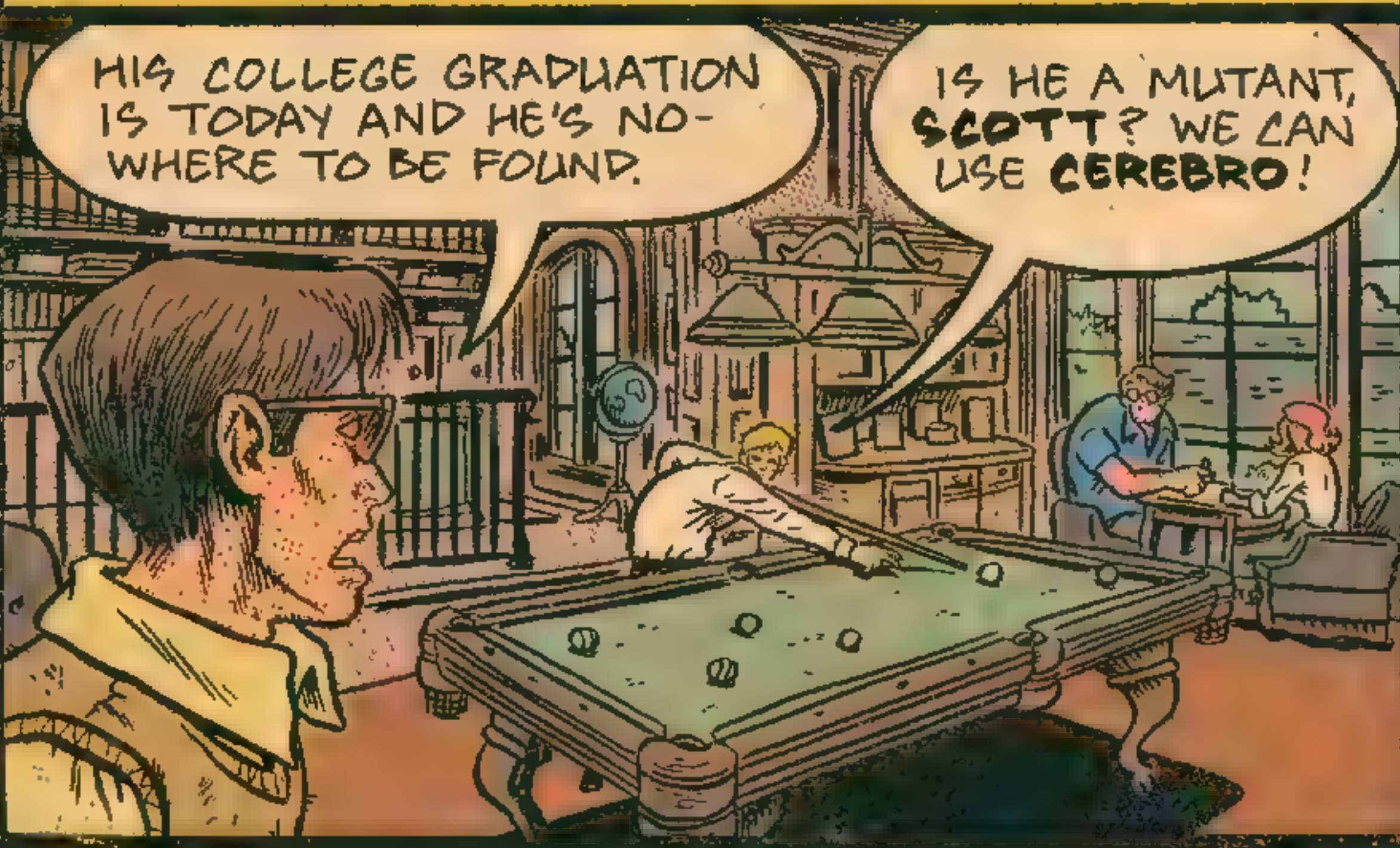
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU COULD DO
THAT, JEAN.

NEITHER
DID I...

LORNA...



DAYS LATER, A FEARFUL AND ANXIOUS **SCOTT SUMMERS** REVEALS A REKINDLED RELATIONSHIP THAT HE'S KEPT PRIVATE FROM THE GROUP: HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, **ALEX**.

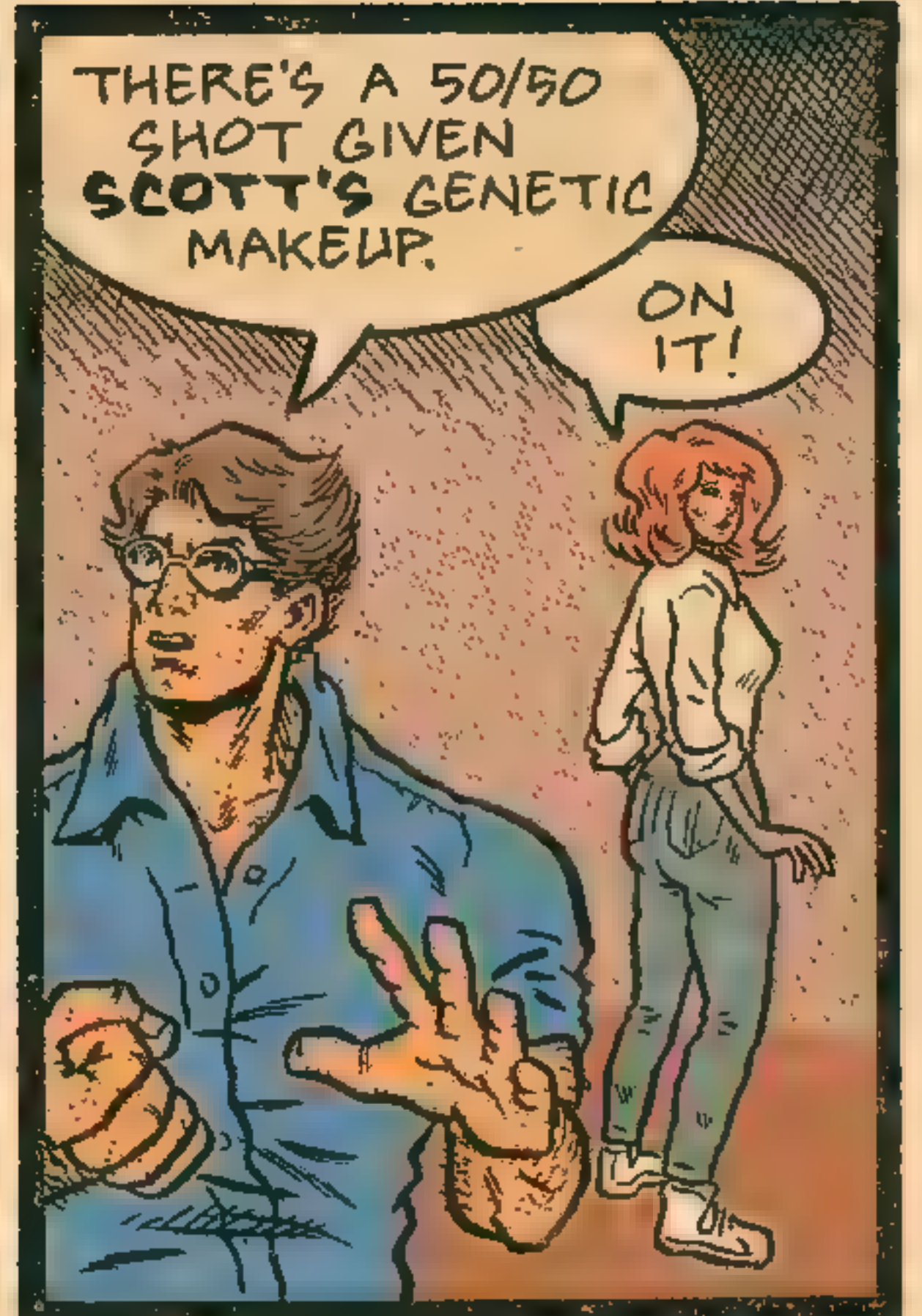


HIS COLLEGE GRADUATION IS TODAY AND HE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

IS HE A MUTANT, **SCOTT**? WE CAN USE **CEREBRO**!



I... I'M NOT SURE...



THERE'S A 50/50 SHOT GIVEN **SCOTT'S** GENETIC MAKEUP.

ON IT!

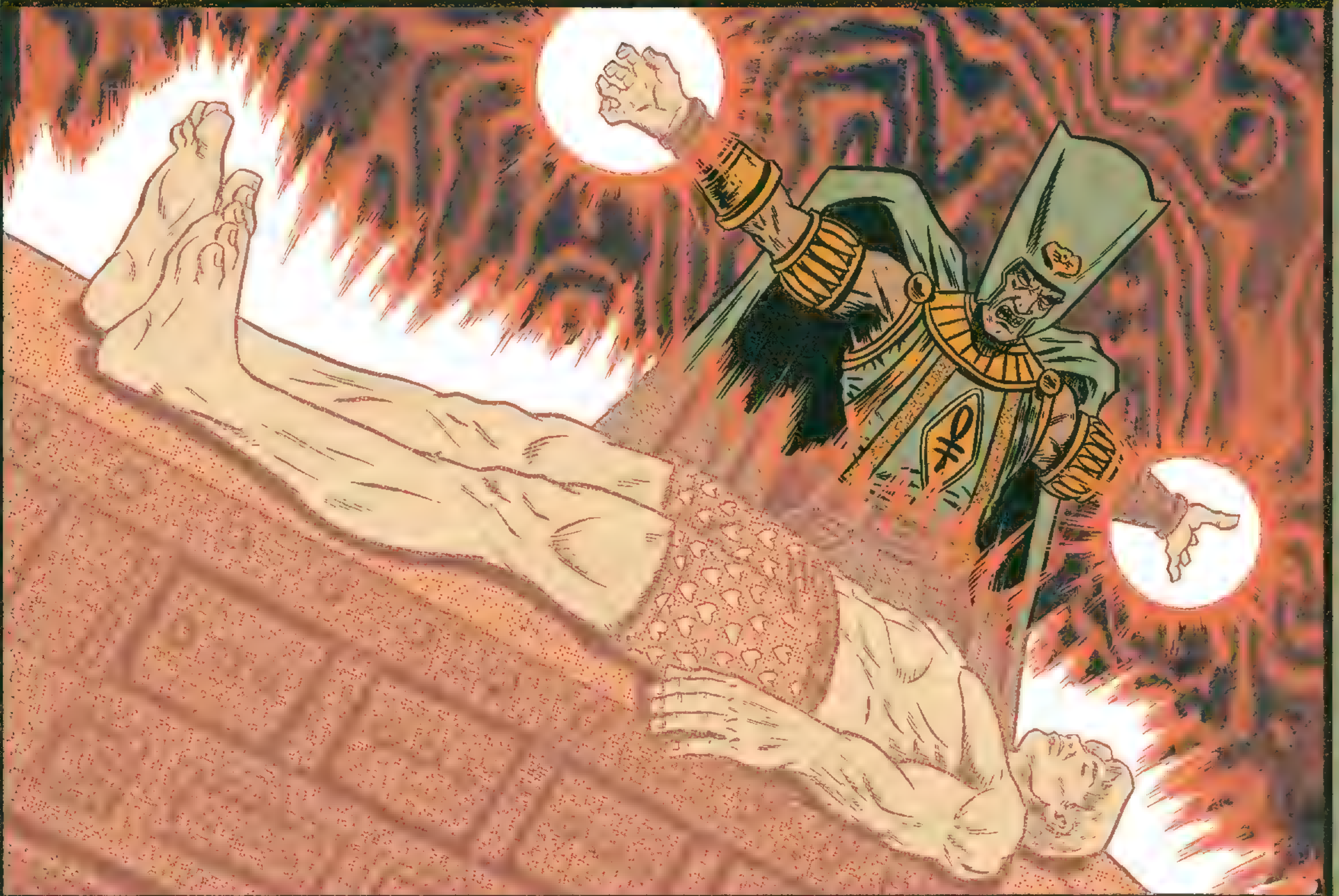
KNOWLEDGE OF THE **PHOENIX** IS NOT THE MONOPOLY OF INTERGALACTIC BEINGS. ANCIENT EARTHLY CIVILIZATIONS FORETOLD OF HER IMMENSE POWER.



THE **EGYPTIANS** BELIEVED THAT **PHARAOKHS** COULD INFLUENCE THE **PHOENIX FORCE**.



DEEP WITHIN THE **TEMPLE OF HORUS** IN **EDFU, EGYPT**, THE **LIVING PHARAOH** IS PERFORMING A SACRIFICIAL RITUAL TO SEDUCE THE GREAT **PHOENIX**. BY UNTAPPING THE MUTANT ENERGY OF **ALEX SUMMERS**, THE **PHARAOH** CALLS TO HER.



PROCEDURALLY DURING THE INCANTATION, SOMETHING GOES WRONG.



COMBINING WITH ALEX SUMMERS' POWER, THE LIVING PHARAOH'S DNA BEGINS TO DANCE THROUGHOUT HIS BODY...



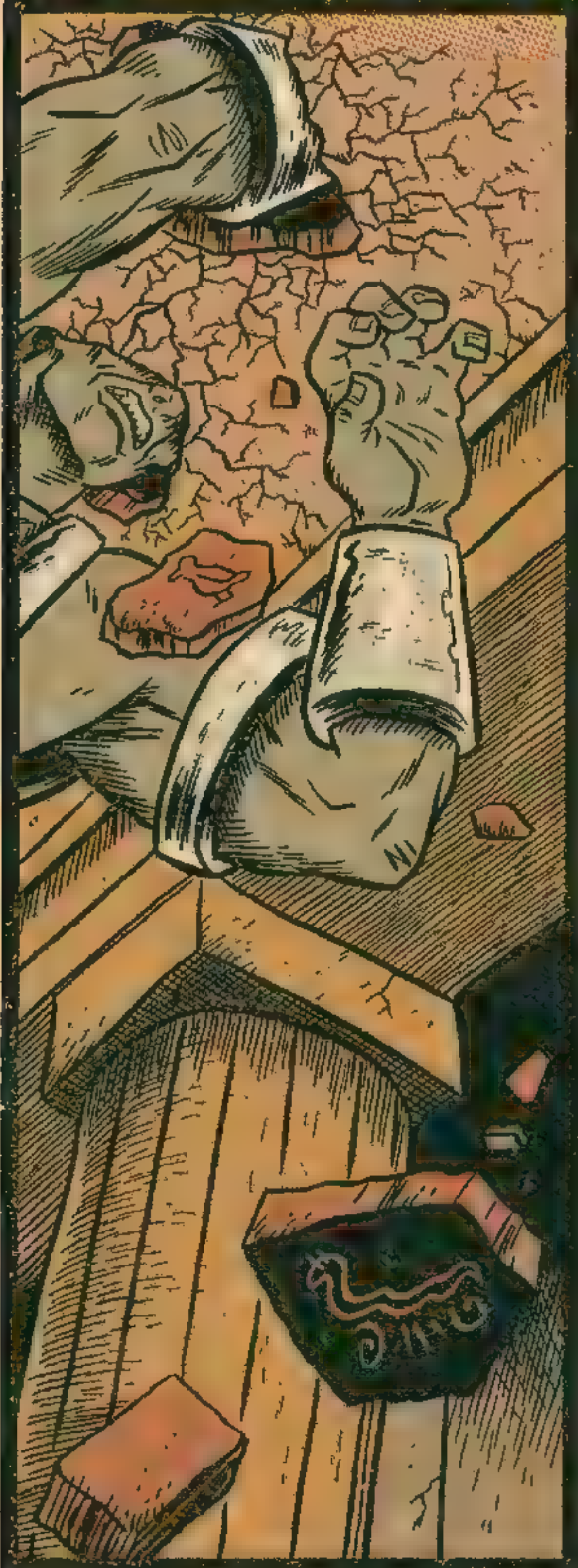
... TRANSFORMING HIM INTO...



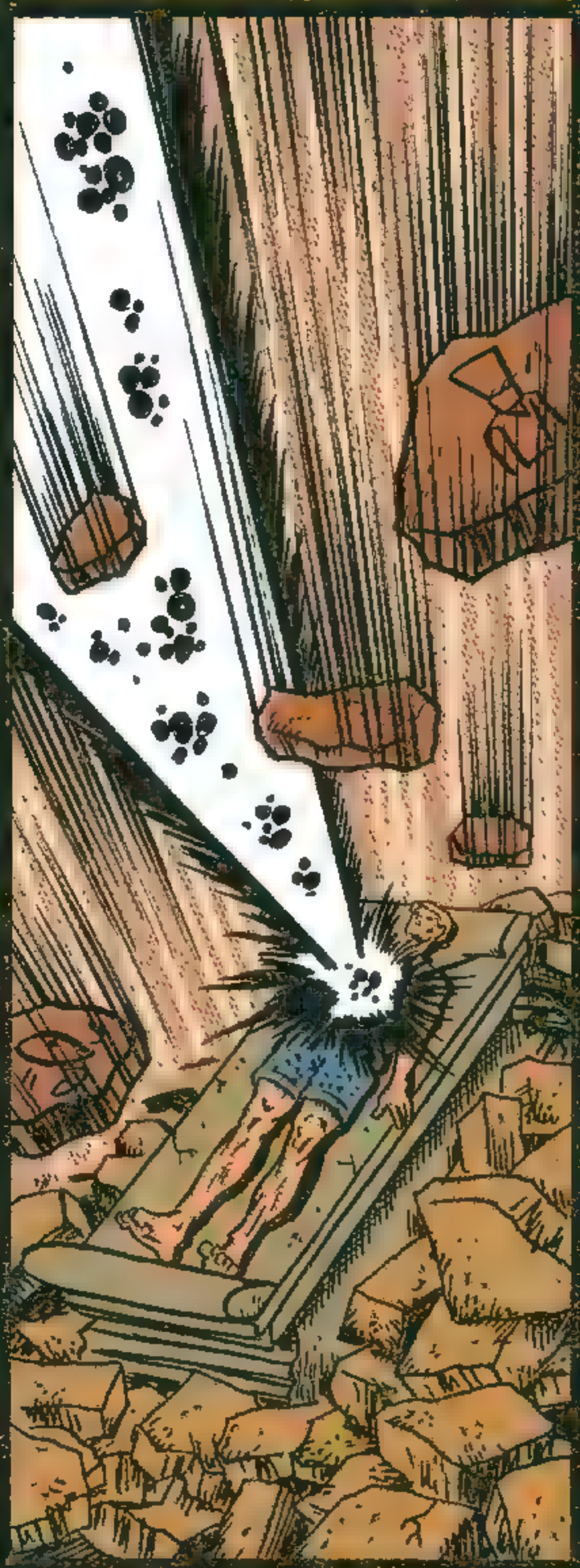
... A LIVING MONOLITH.



IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THE MONOLITH'S RAPID GROWTH SMASHES A LOAD-BEARING WALL...



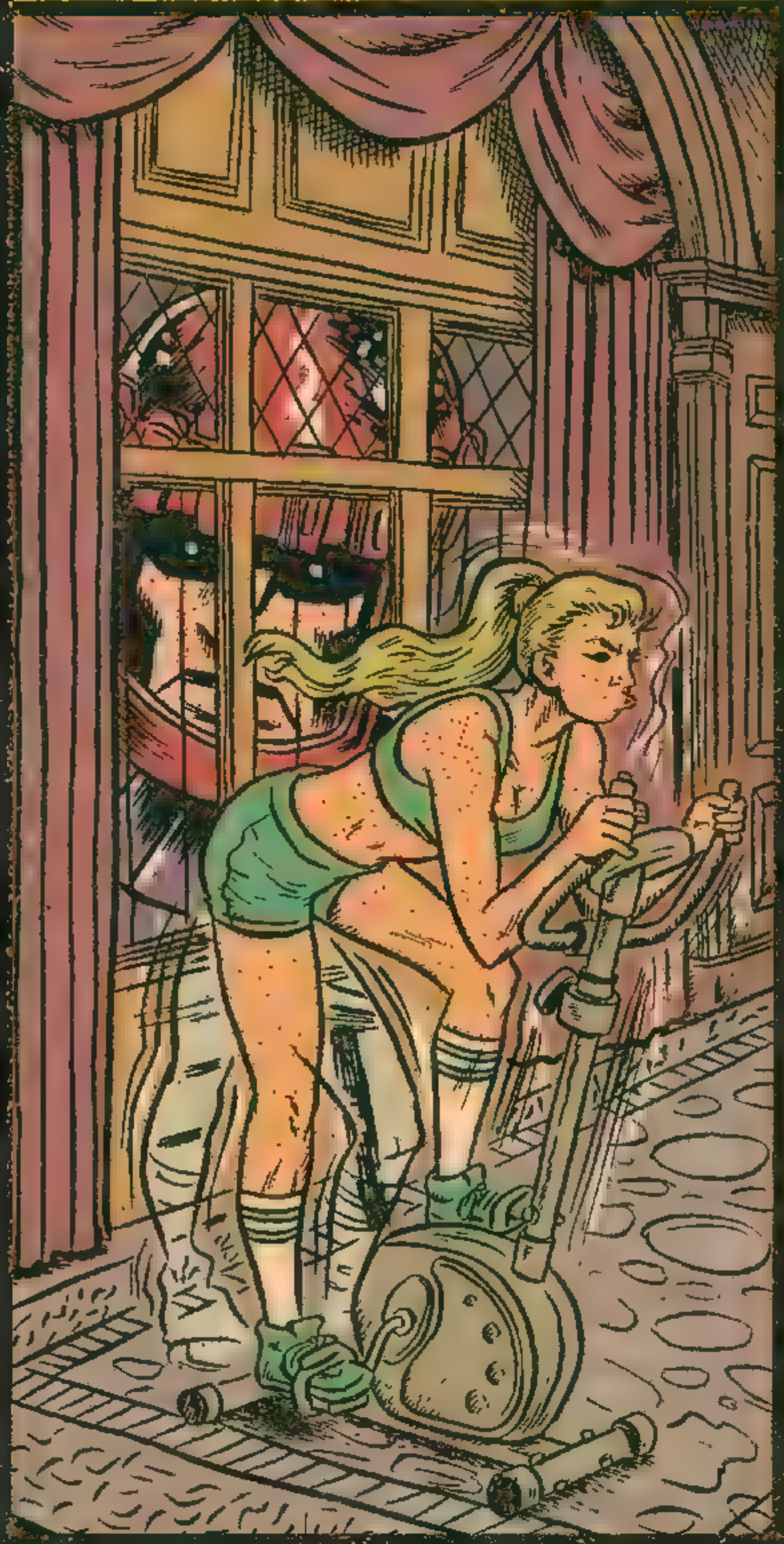
... OR IF THE NUCLEAR REACTOR KNOWN AS ALEX SUMMERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUMBLING THE ANCIENT STRUCTURE.



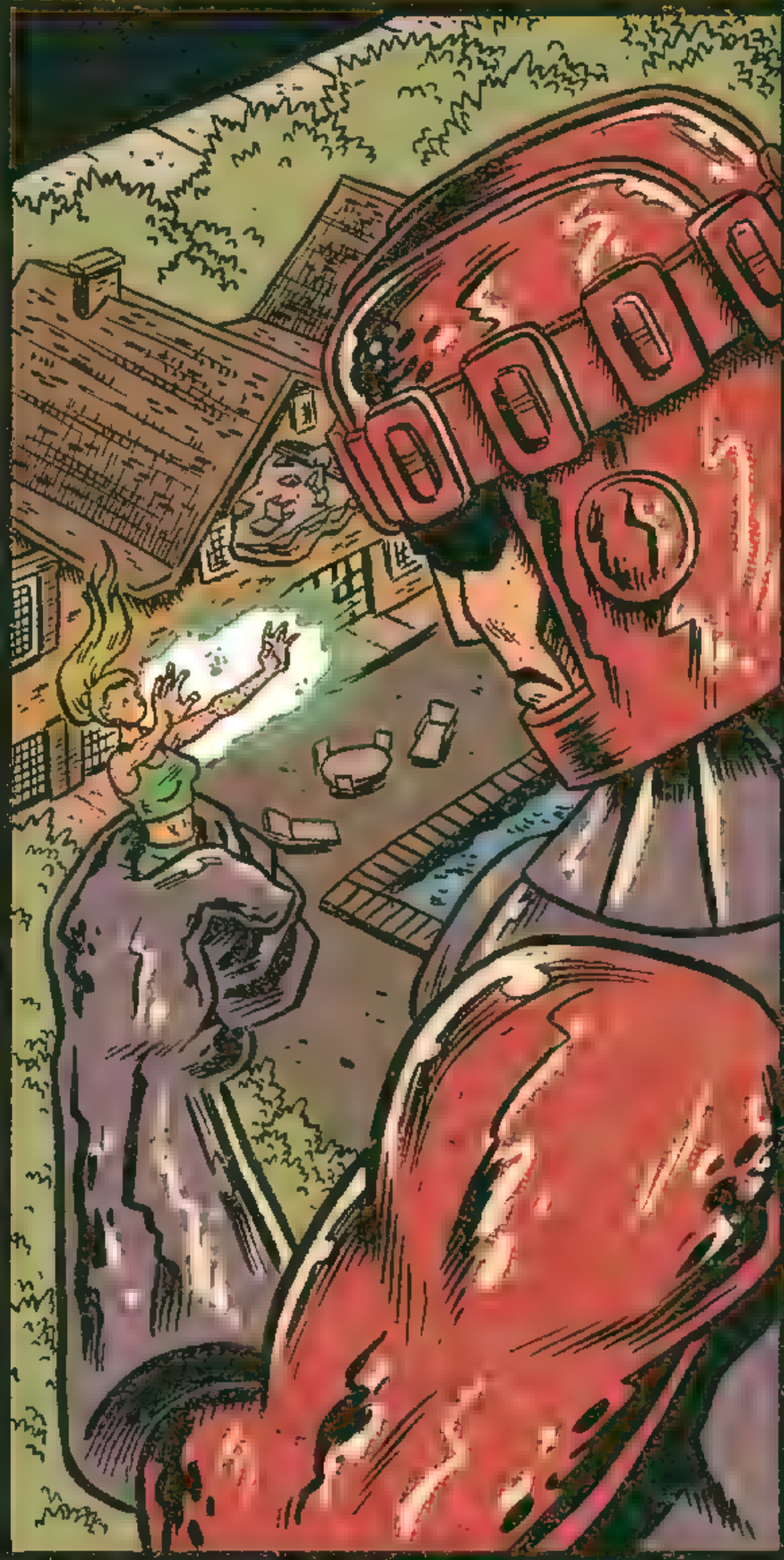
THE OUTBURST ESTABLISHES THE PRIME LOCATION FOR THE X-MEN TO BEGIN THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO SUMMERS' WHEREABOUTS.



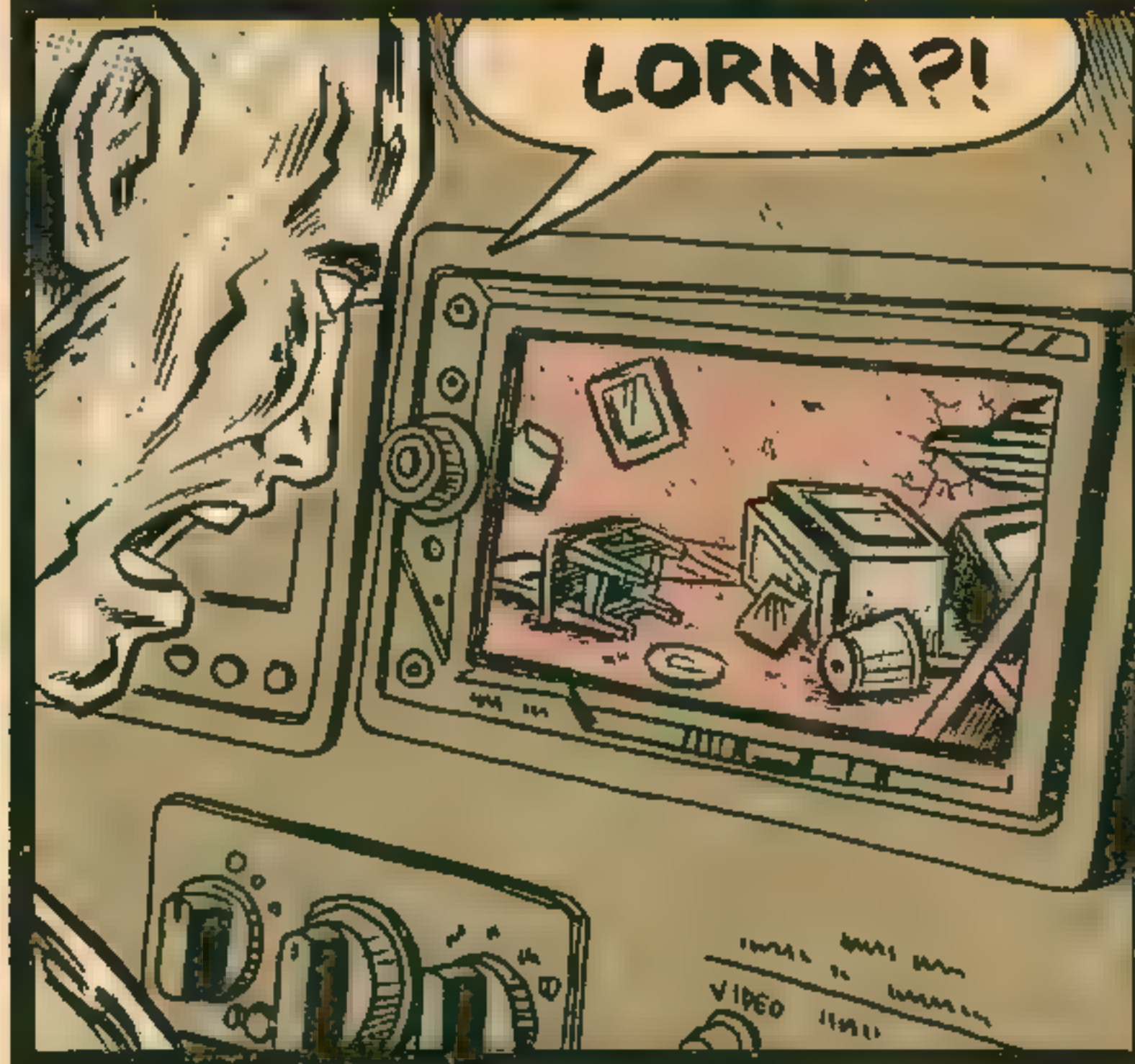
NOT ONLY DO THE XAVIER STUDENTS DEFY S.H.I.E.L.D. ORDERS BY CONTINUING THEIR EXISTING WORK TOGETHER, BUT THEY ALSO ADD A NEW STUDENT IN **LORNA DANE**.



SHE'S TOO INEXPERIENCED TO BE ON THE FRONTLINES WITH THE X-MEN IN EGYPT. AT FIRST SHE THINKS THIS IS SIMPLY AN ADMINISTERED TEST FROM HER TEACHERS. IT IS NOT.

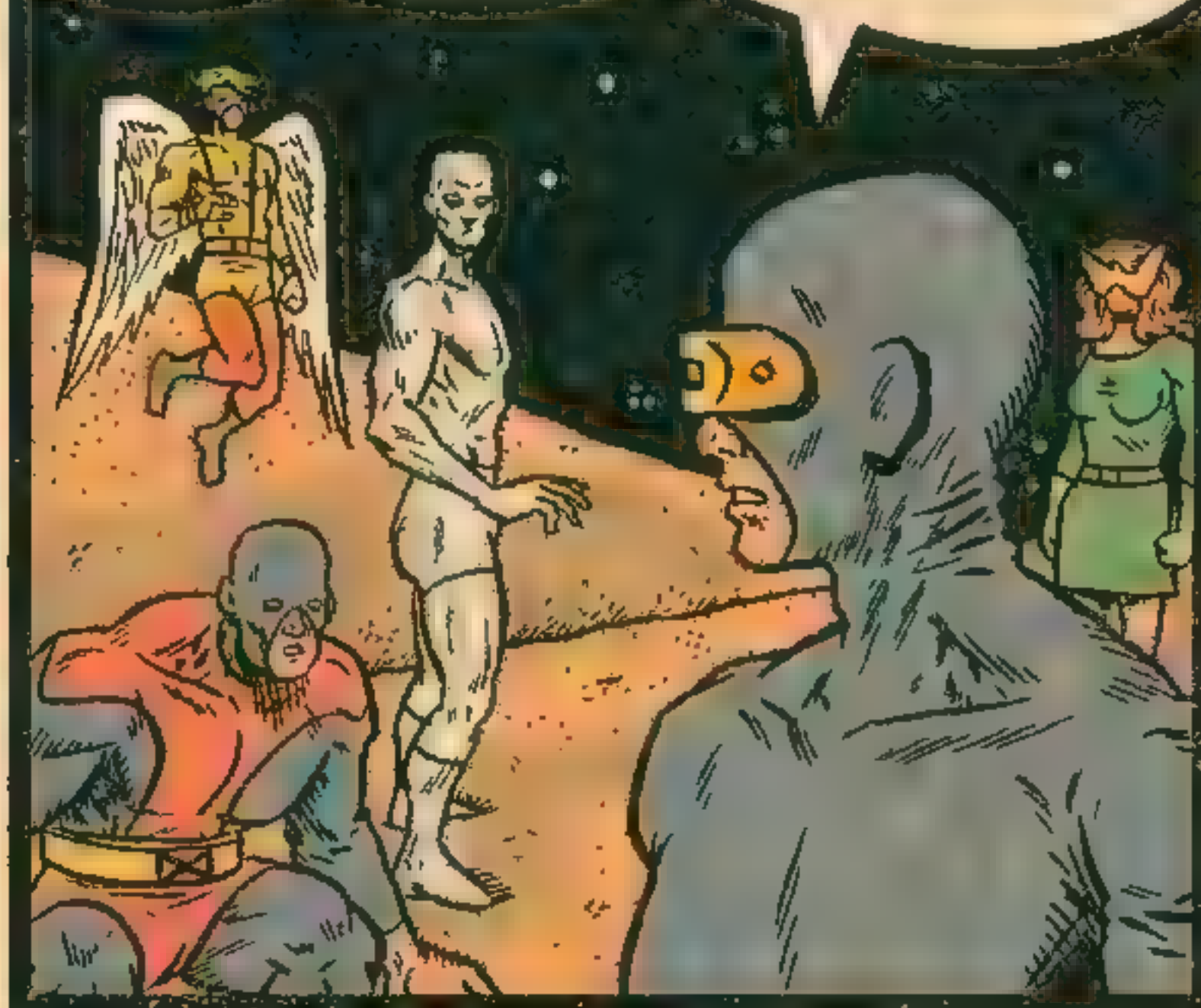


THE X-MEN CALL THE MANSION FROM THE DESERT TO CHECK CEREBO'S LOGS.

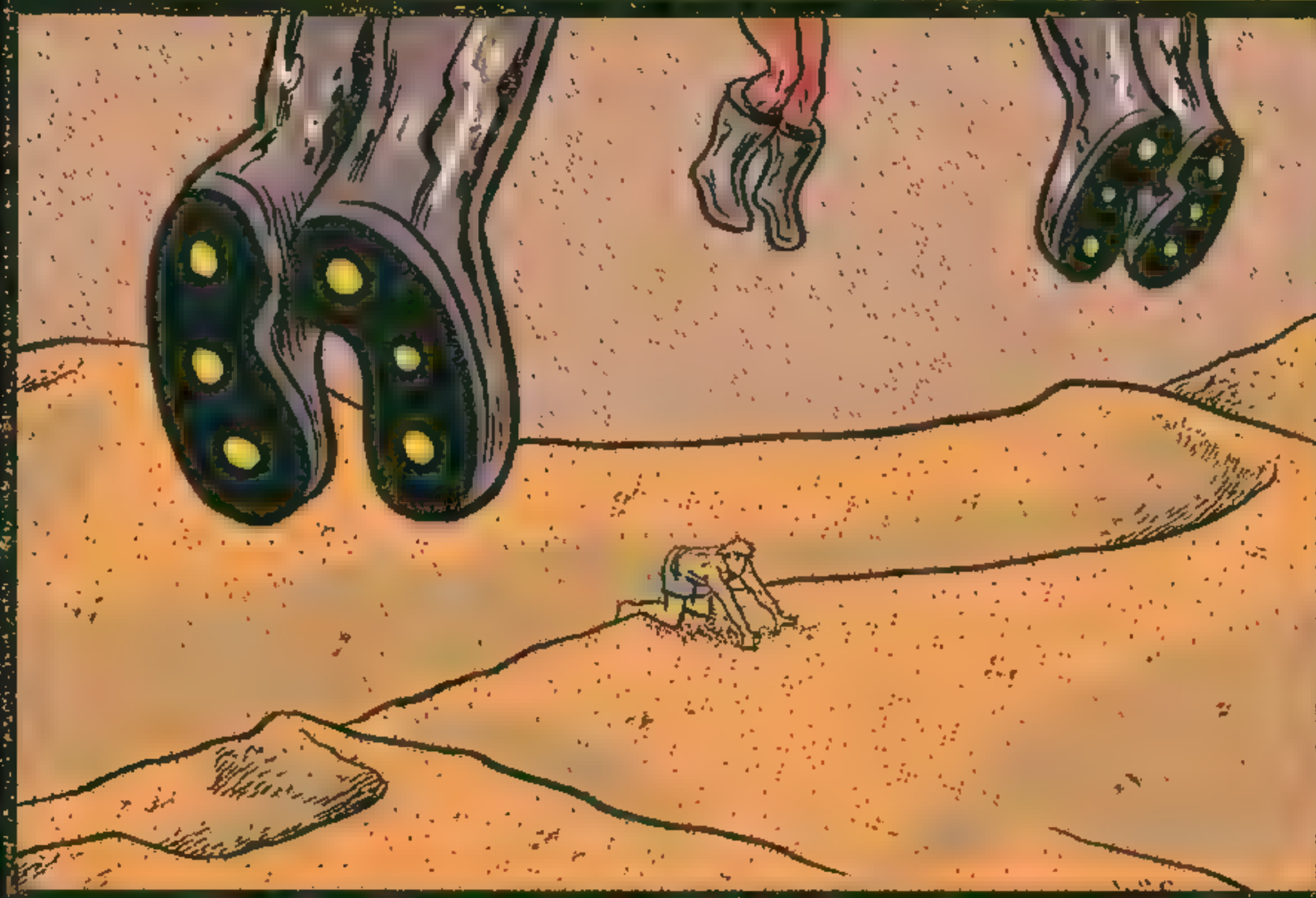


BOBBY, HANK, TAKE THE **BLACK-BIRD** HOME AND REPORT BACK.

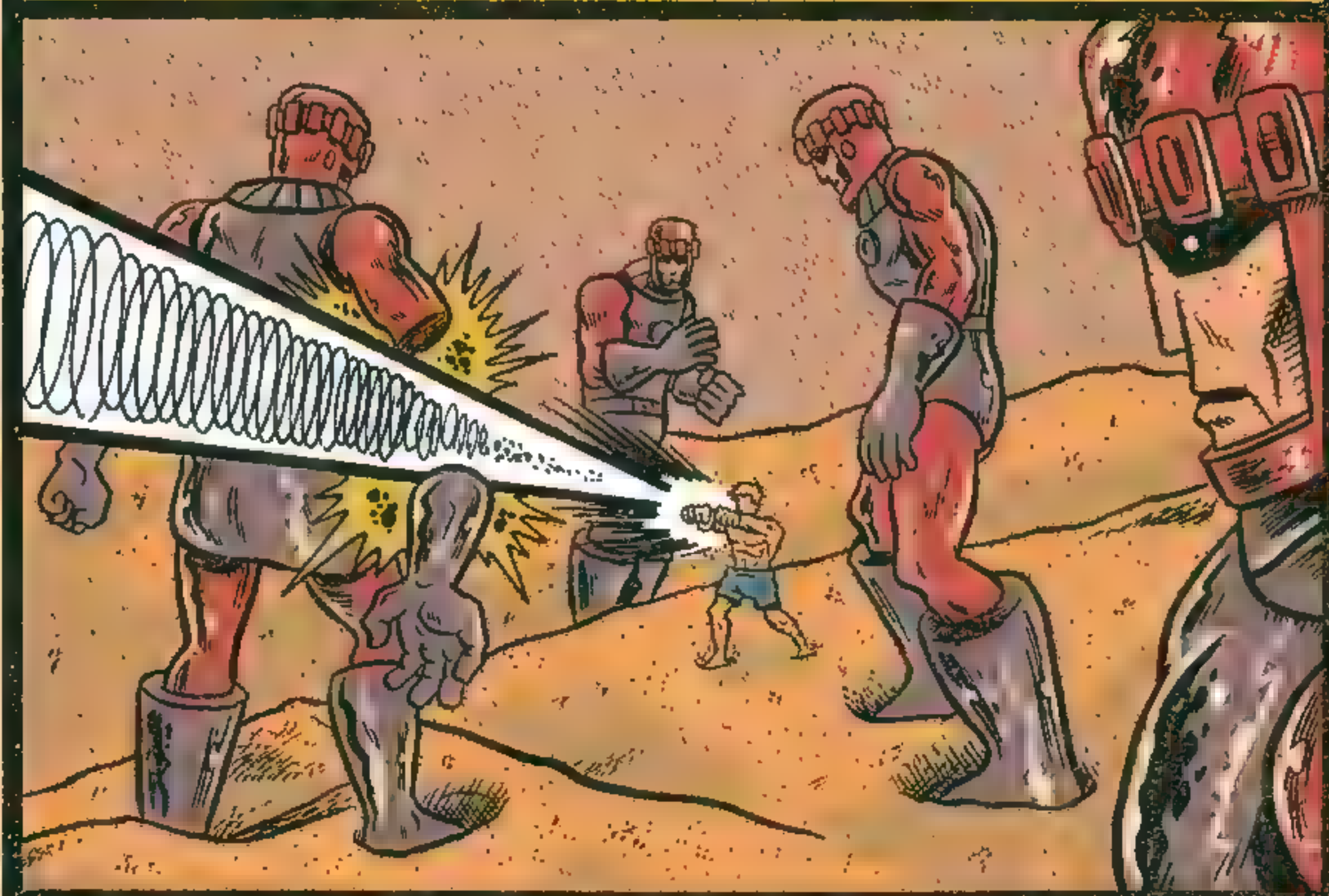
I CAN'T LEAVE HERE UNTIL I FIND MY BROTHER.



ALEX SUMMERS IS, IN FACT, QUITE ALIVE.



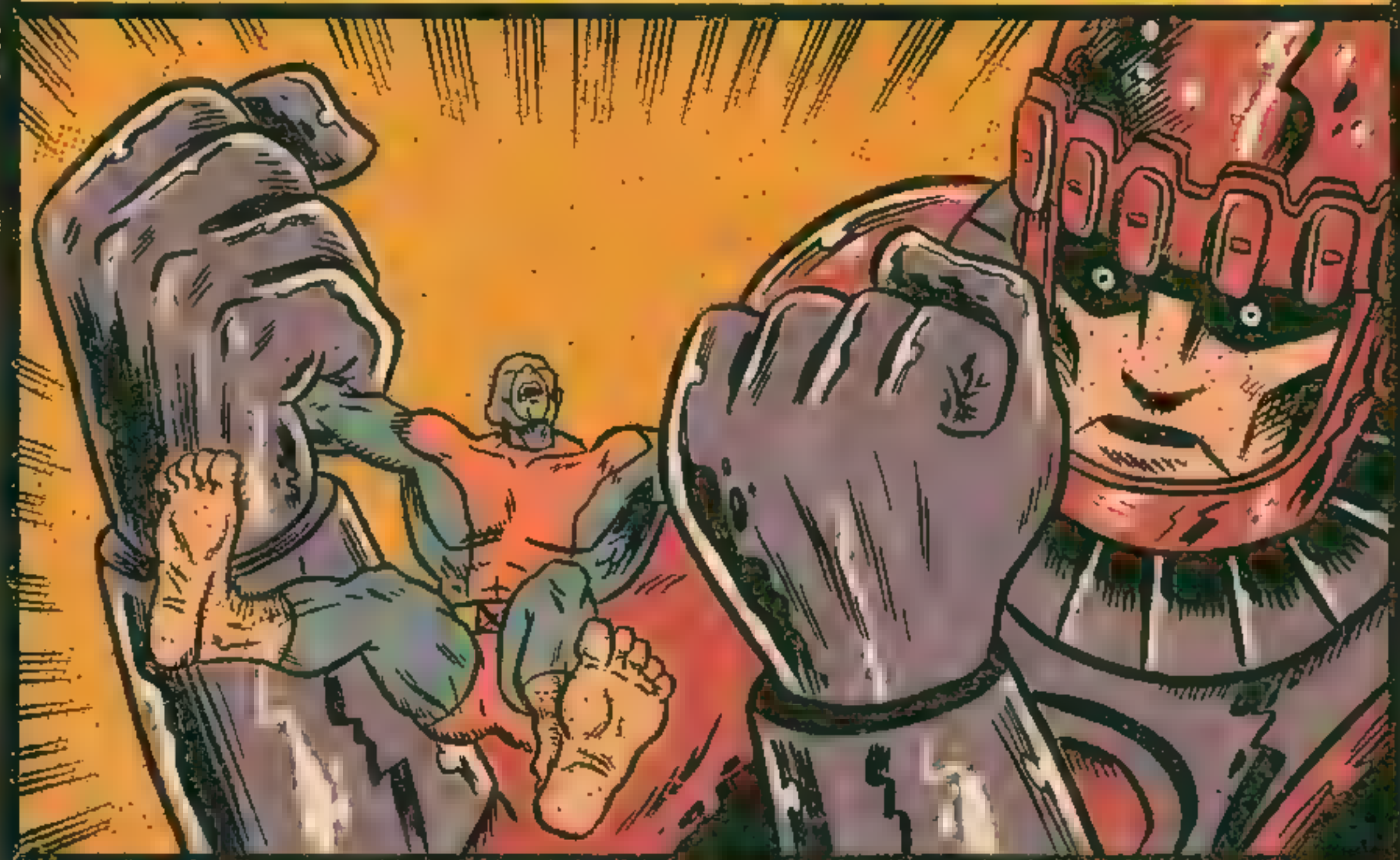
HE MAY NOT BE FOR LONG, THOUGH.



LARRY TRASK AND HIS AFFILIATES, THE RIGHT, HAVE DESIGNS ON USING MUTANT POWER TO SUSTAIN A SMALL ISLAND RESORT OF THEIRS.



GOVERNMENT ACTORS WITHIN THE RIGHT GENERATE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO DEEM THEIR CAPTIVES AS ENEMIES OF THE STATE.

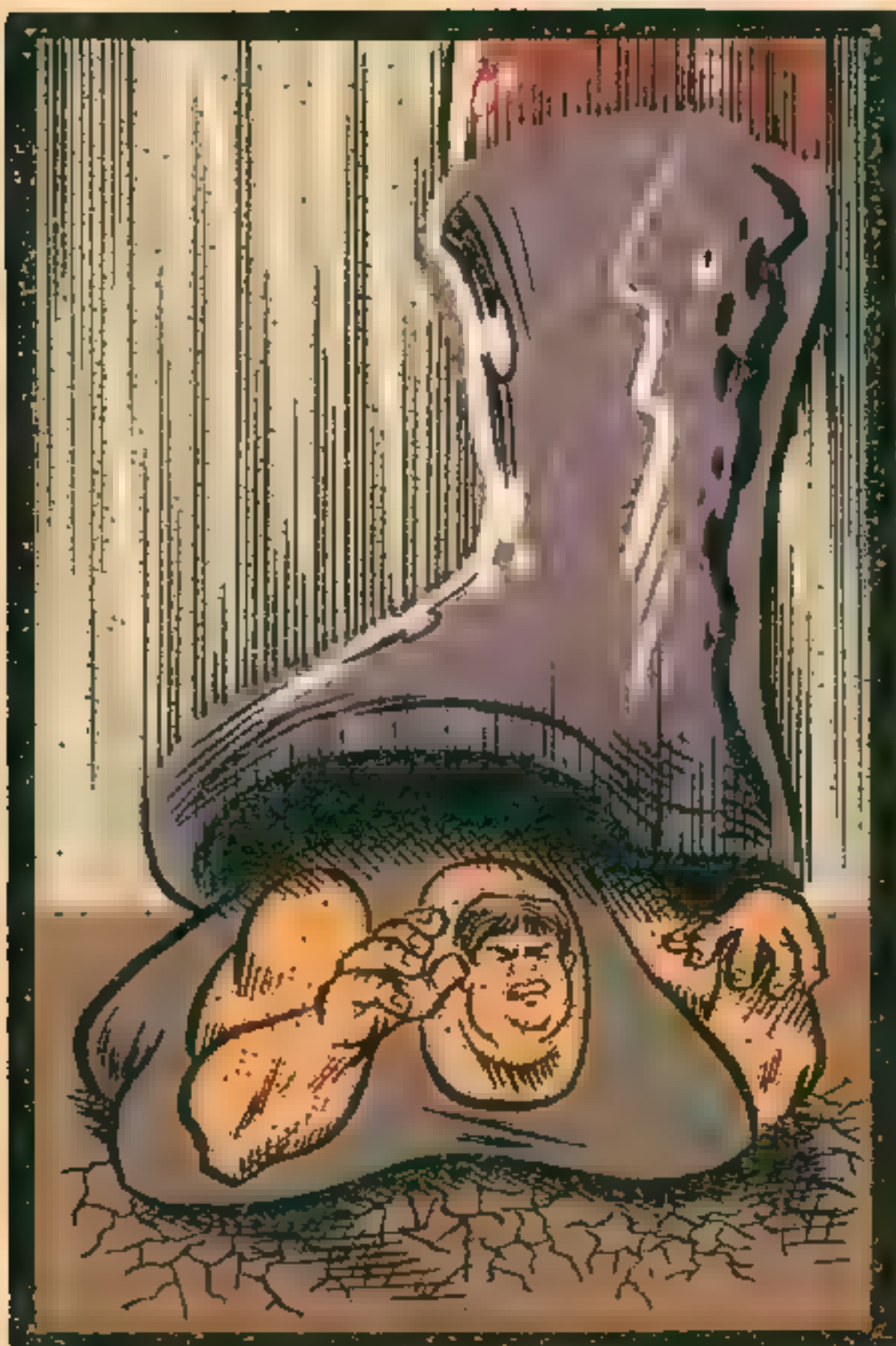
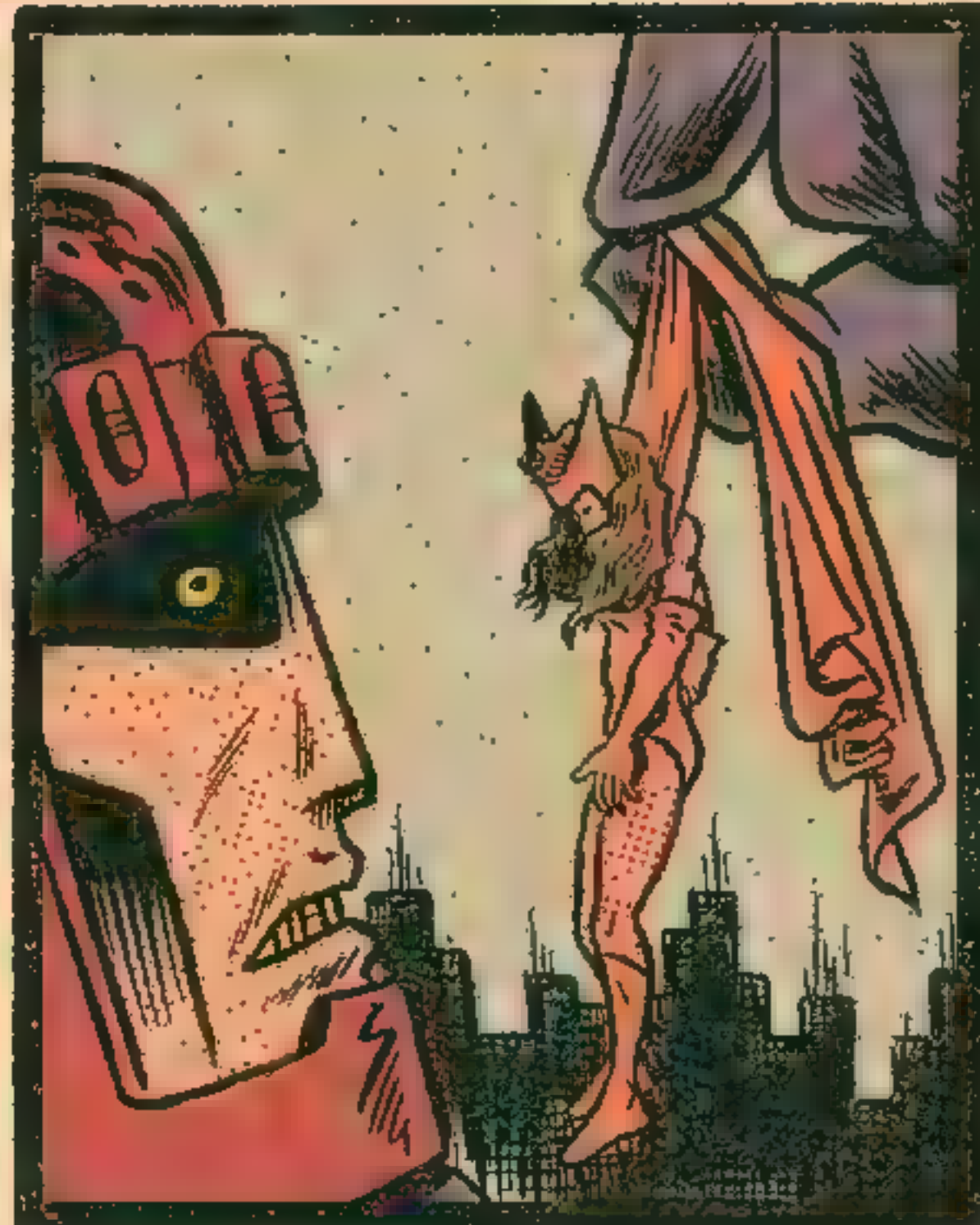


UP TO THIS POINT, **SENATOR KELLY** HAS HAD A MOSTLY HANDS-OFF APPROACH.

TRASK, THESE JUST LOOK LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE TO ME.

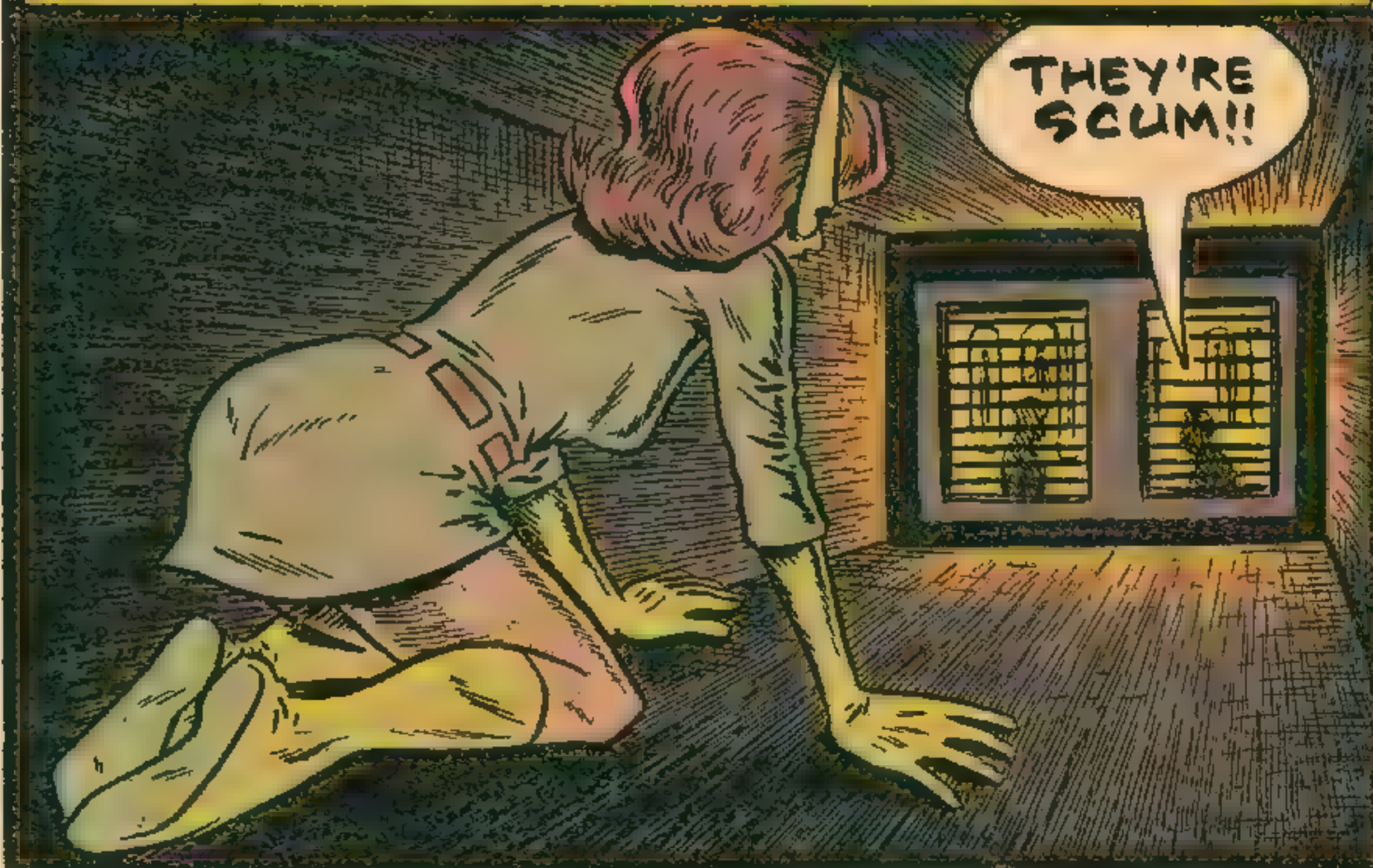


REGARDLESS, 100% OF THE **MACH II SENTINEL FLEET** IS DISPATCHED TO ACQUIRE NEW TARGETS.



THANKS TO THE CONCENTRATION OF ALPHA-LEVEL MUTANTS, **CEREBRO** DISCOVERS THE INSECURE SENTINEL HEADQUARTERS WITH EASE.

THEY'RE SCUM!!



JEAN WANTS **LARRY TRASK** TO KNOW WHAT HIS CAPTIVES HAVE ENDURED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

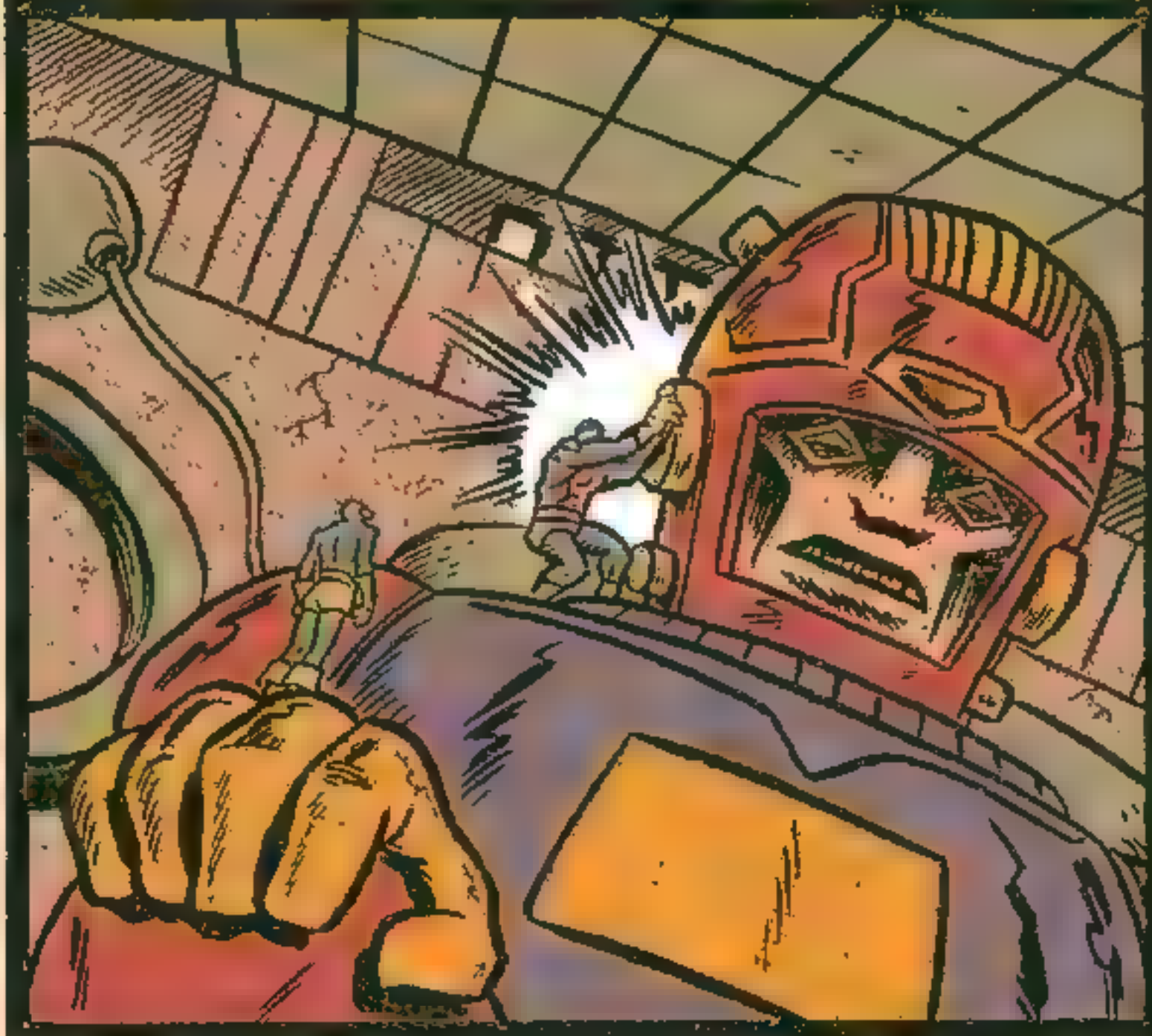
I... I'M MUTATING. NO... NO!



SHE DIDN'T EXPECT **LARRY'S** REACTION TO HER MINDGAMES TO BE SO IMPULSIVE.

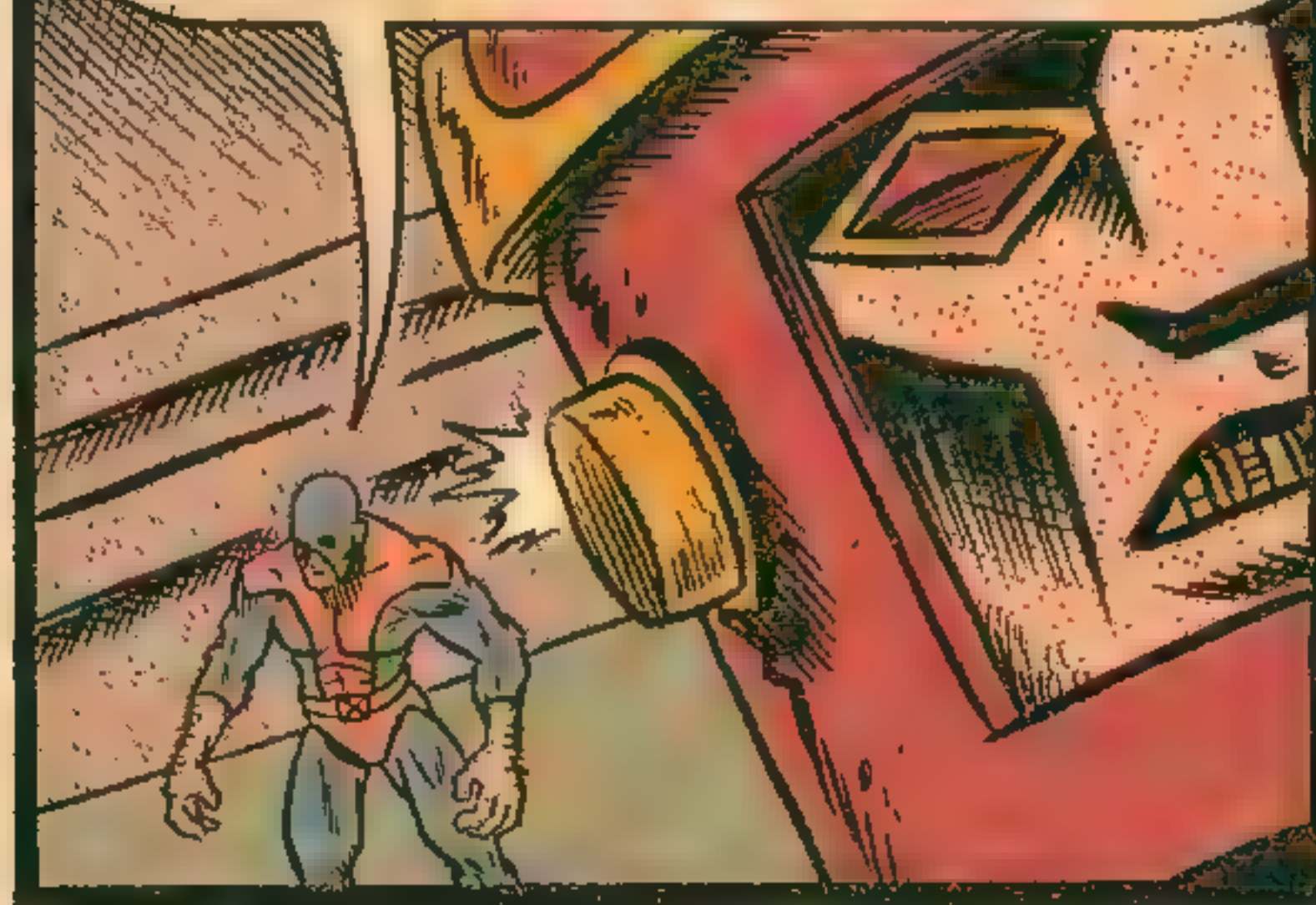


THE FREED **BEAST** AND **CYCLOPS** DISCOVER **MASTER MOLD**, THE MOTHER BRAIN OF THE SENTINEL ROBOTS.



BEAST UPLOADS A SET OF COMMANDS THAT MAKE PERFECT LOGICAL SENSE IN COMPUTER LANGUAGE.

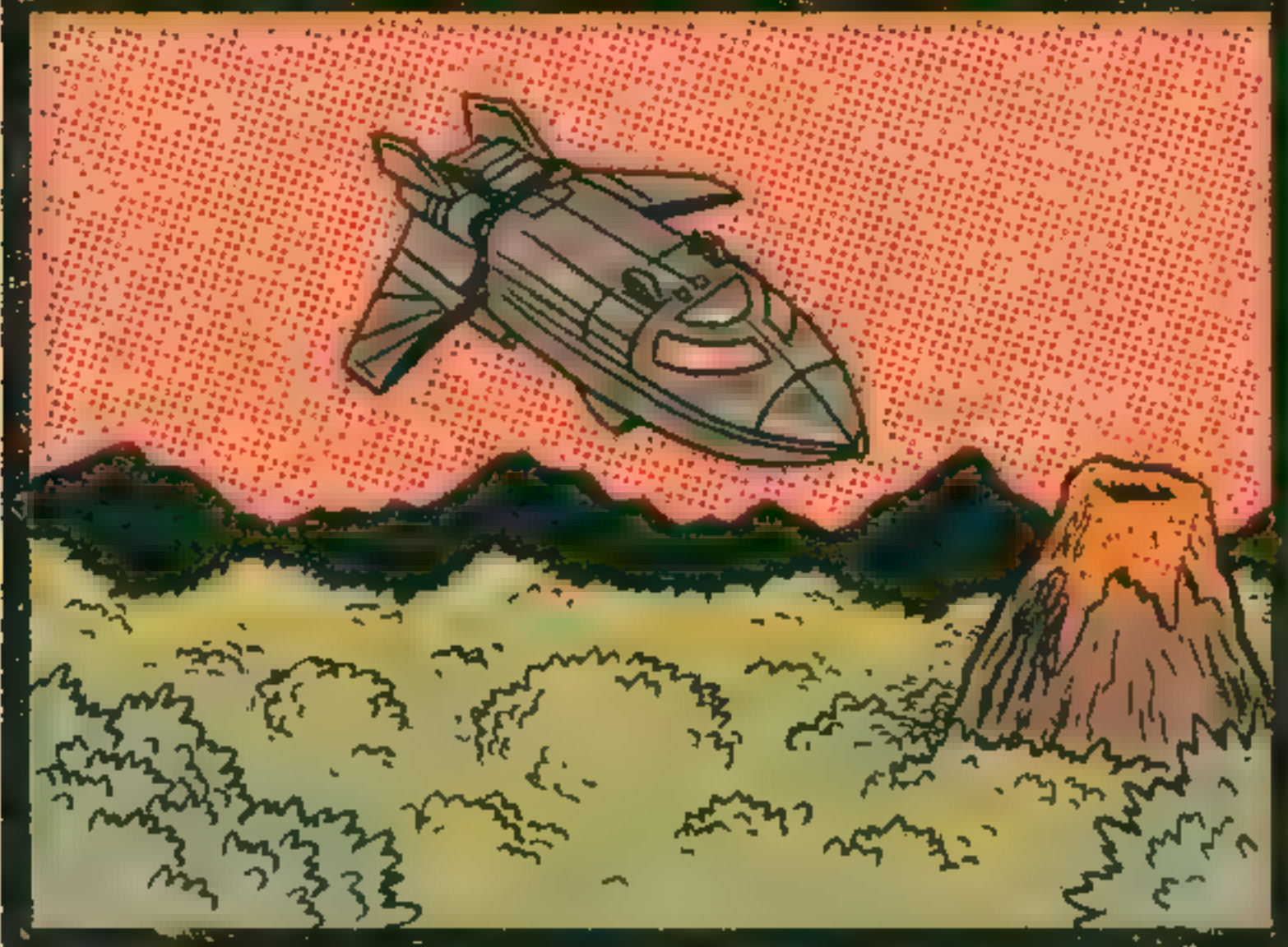
I REROUTED THE ROBOTS TO ATTACK THE VERY CAUSE OF ALL GENETIC MUTATION.



WITH SUDDEN UNIFORMITY, THE ENTIRE CONVOY OF SENTINELS MEET SOMEWHERE IN THE THERMOSPHERE AND BEGIN THEIR COURSE TO THE CENTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.



THE X-MEN DISCOVER THAT BEFORE THWARTING THE SENTINELS, THE ROBOTS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE **SAVAGE LAND** EN MASSE AFTER DETECTING A TITANIC SPIKE IN MUTANT ACTIVITY.



ANGEL WAS SIMPLY ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION BEFORE BEING INTERCEPTED BY THE HYPNOTIC PTERANO-MAN, SAURON.



WARREN'S MISTAKE WAS TO STARE INTO HIS ADVERSARY'S EYES FOR TOO LONG.



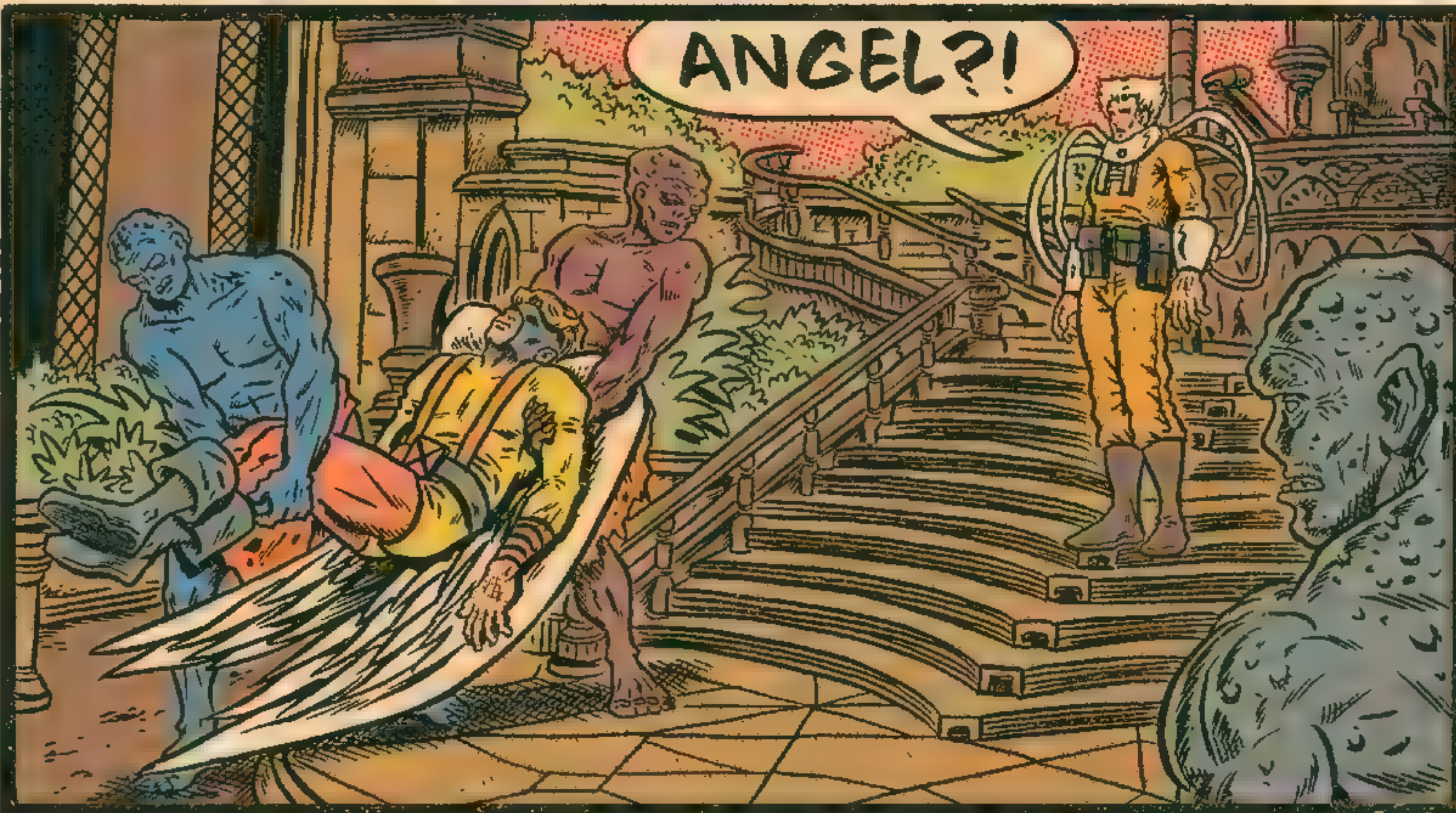
THE FOLIAGE PROVIDED ENOUGH SHOCK-ABSORPTION TO KEEP WORTHINGTON'S HEART PUMPING, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.

ANGELZZZ FROM THE HEAVENZZZ...

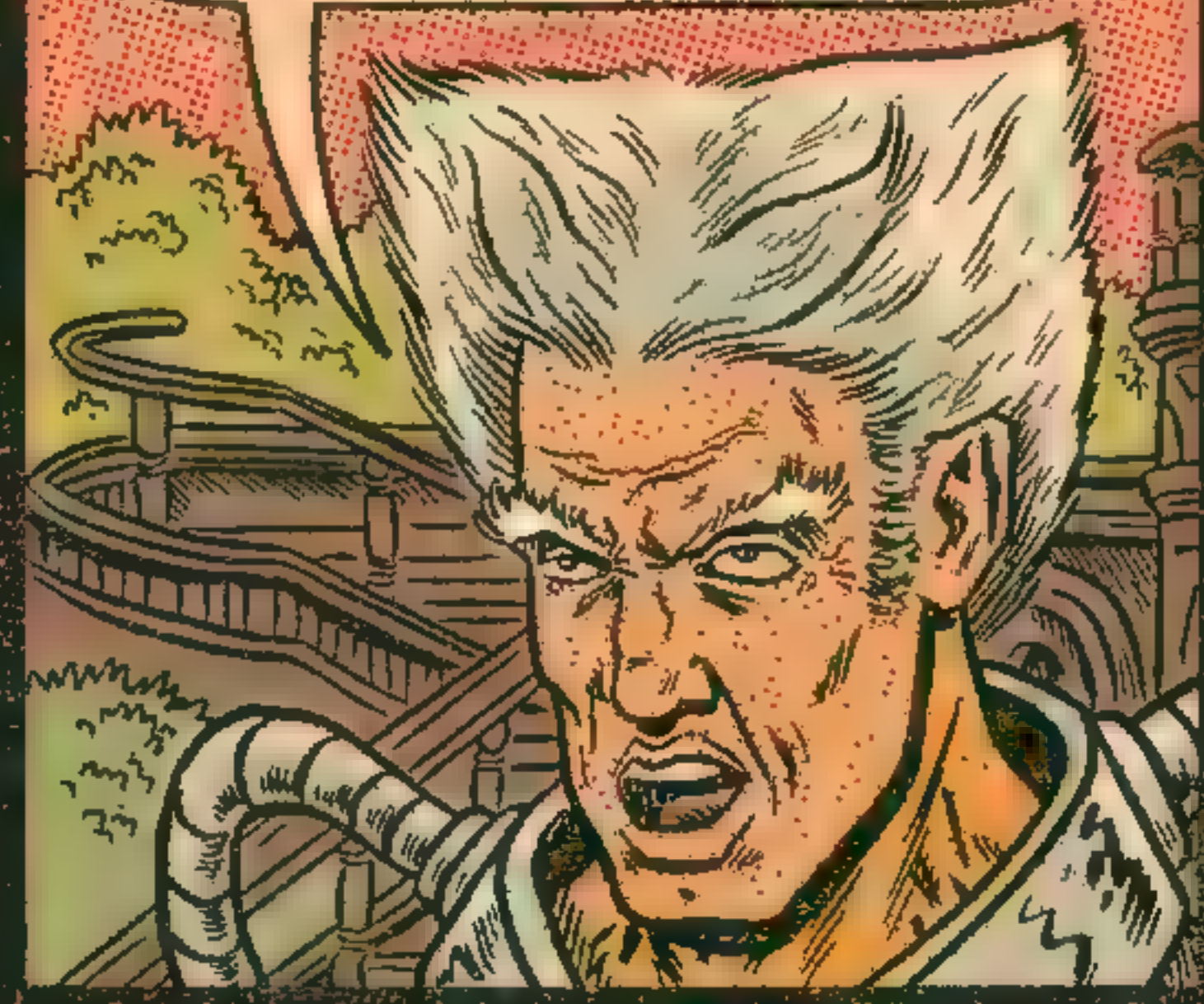
THE **CREATOR** CAN MAKE HIM ALIVE. HE CAN DO ANYTHING.



ANGEL?!



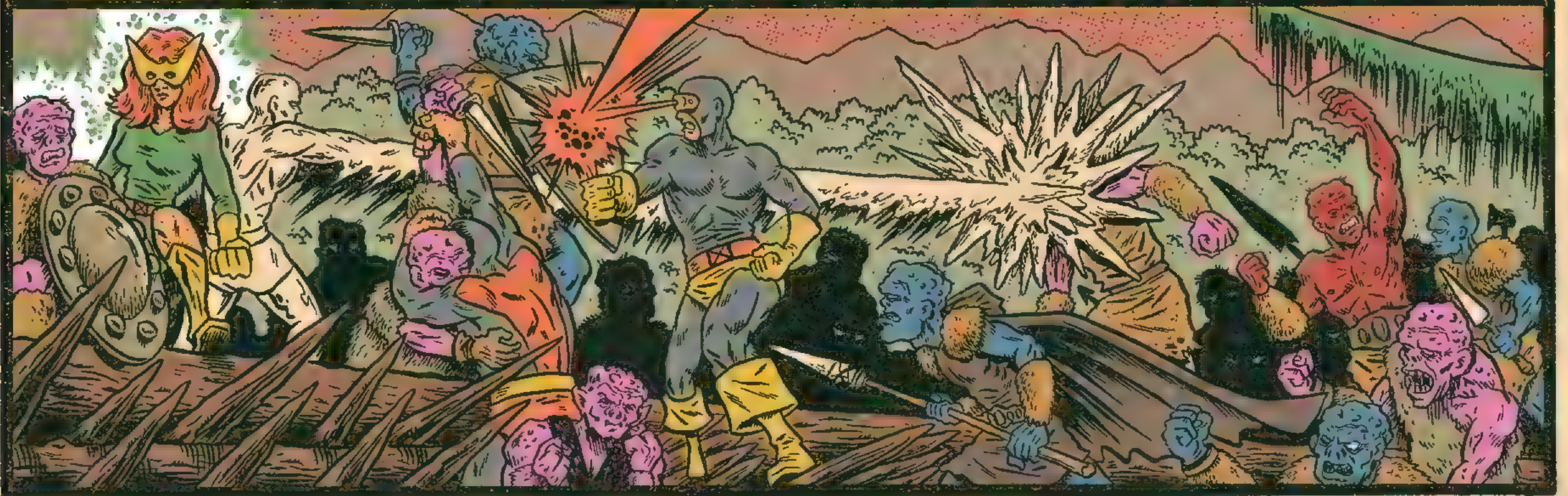
MY LOVELIES, INVADERS ARE COMING THIS WAY TO TRY AND HURT YOUR DEVOTED **CREATOR**!



I WILL FIGHT THEM ALONGSIDE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.



THE SPACECRAFT **MAGNETO** STOLE FROM THE **STRANGER'S** HOMEWORLD CONTAINED KEY TECHNOLOGY NEEDED TO COMPLETE HIS LONG-FOUGHT-AFTER MUTANT GENE INCUBATOR.

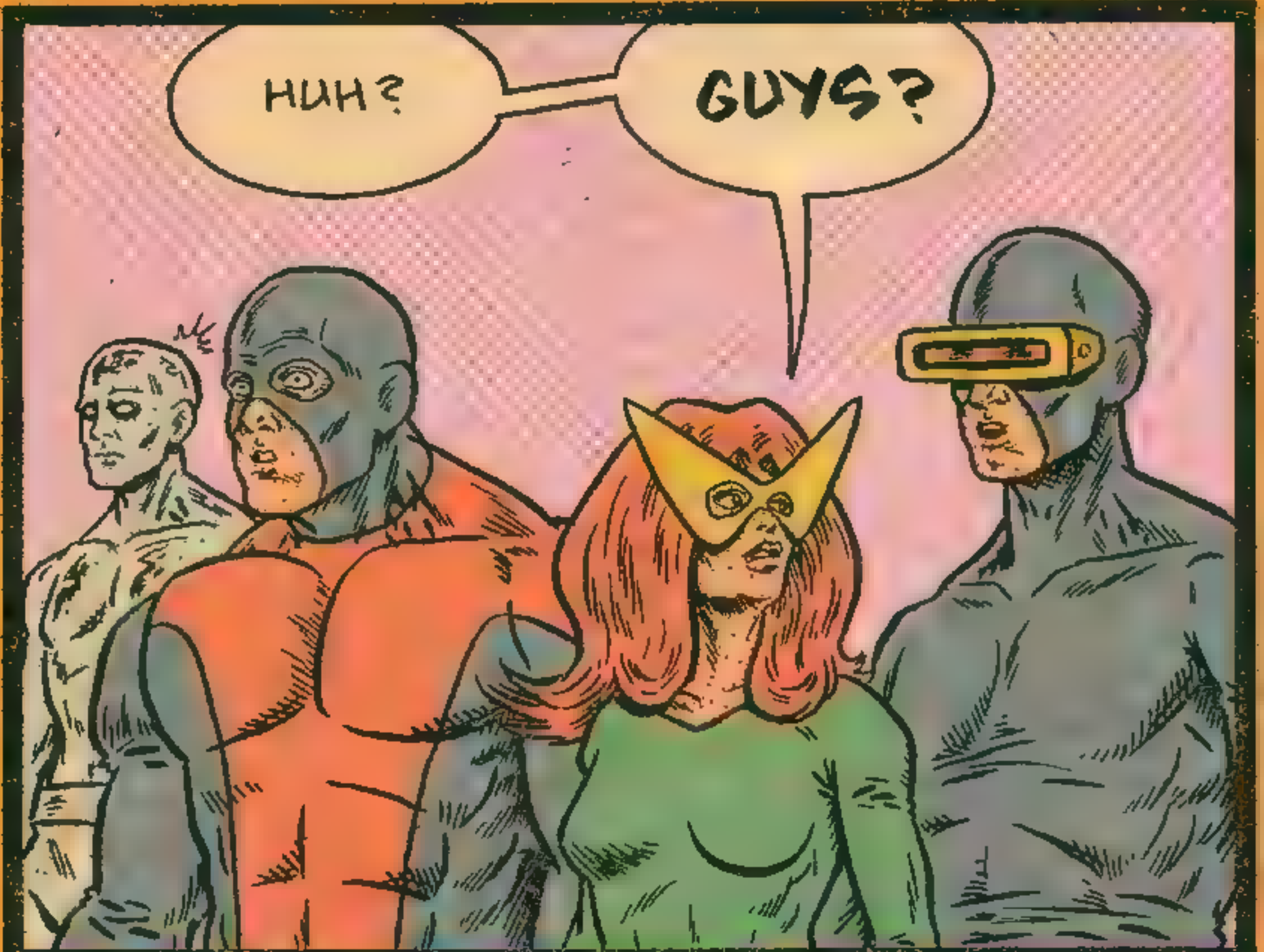


LORELEI IS HIS PRIZED CREATION, AND HER DULCET TONES ARE FAR MORE ENTRANCING THAN WHAT **MASTERMIND** OR **MESMERO** COULD EVER HOPE TO CONJUR UP.



HUH?

GUYS?



MARVEL GIRL HAS HER OWN WAY OF HOLDING SWAY OVER HER COMRADES-IN-ARMS.



AFTER THE MAELSTROM, **JEAN** ISN'T QUITE SURE IF THE **CITADEL** WAS BROUGHT DOWN ON TOP OF **MAGNETO'S** HEAD OR NOT.

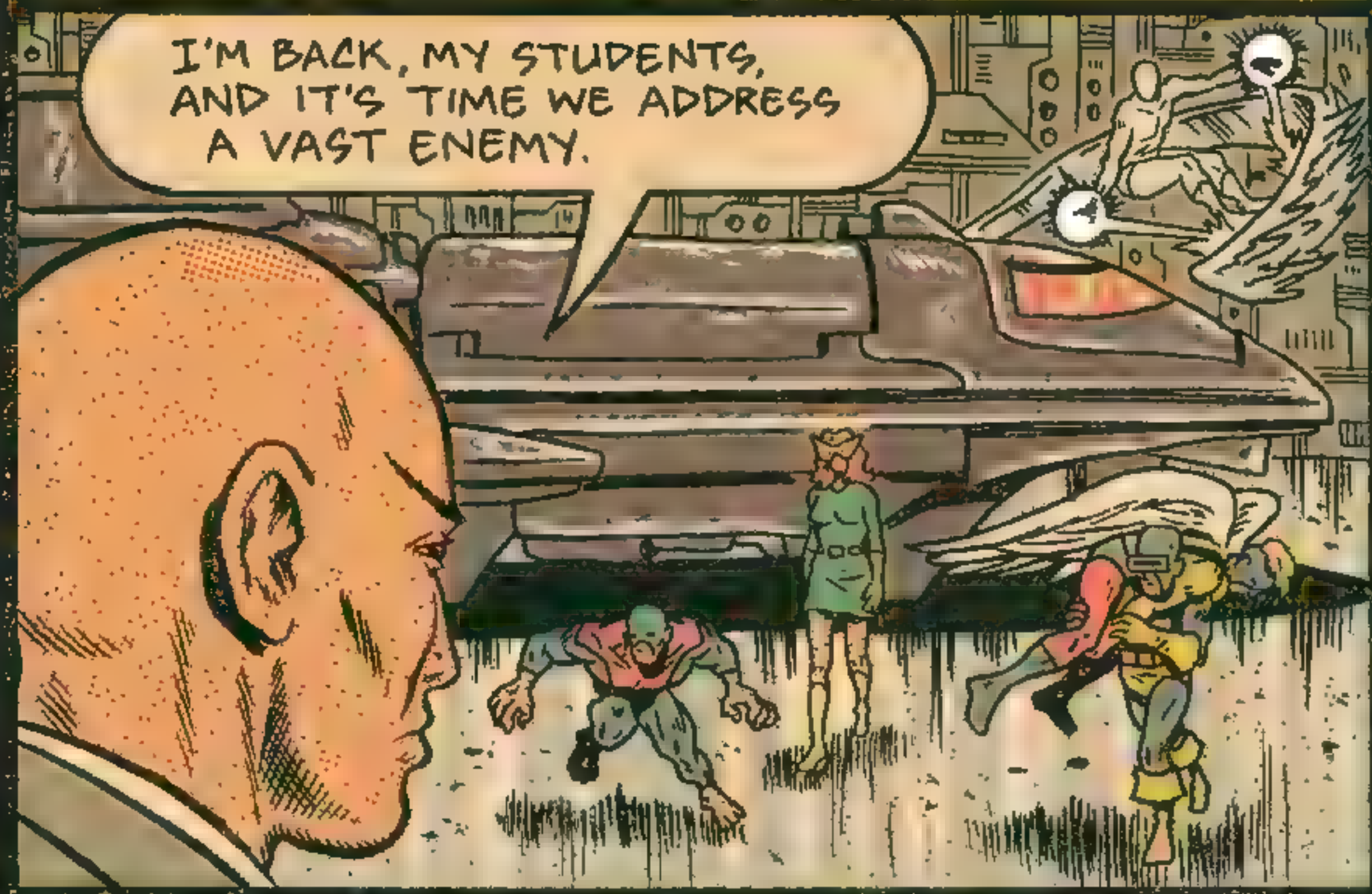


THE FACT REMAINS, WHENEVER OUTWORLDERS ENTER THE **SAVAGE LAND**, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FOLLOW.

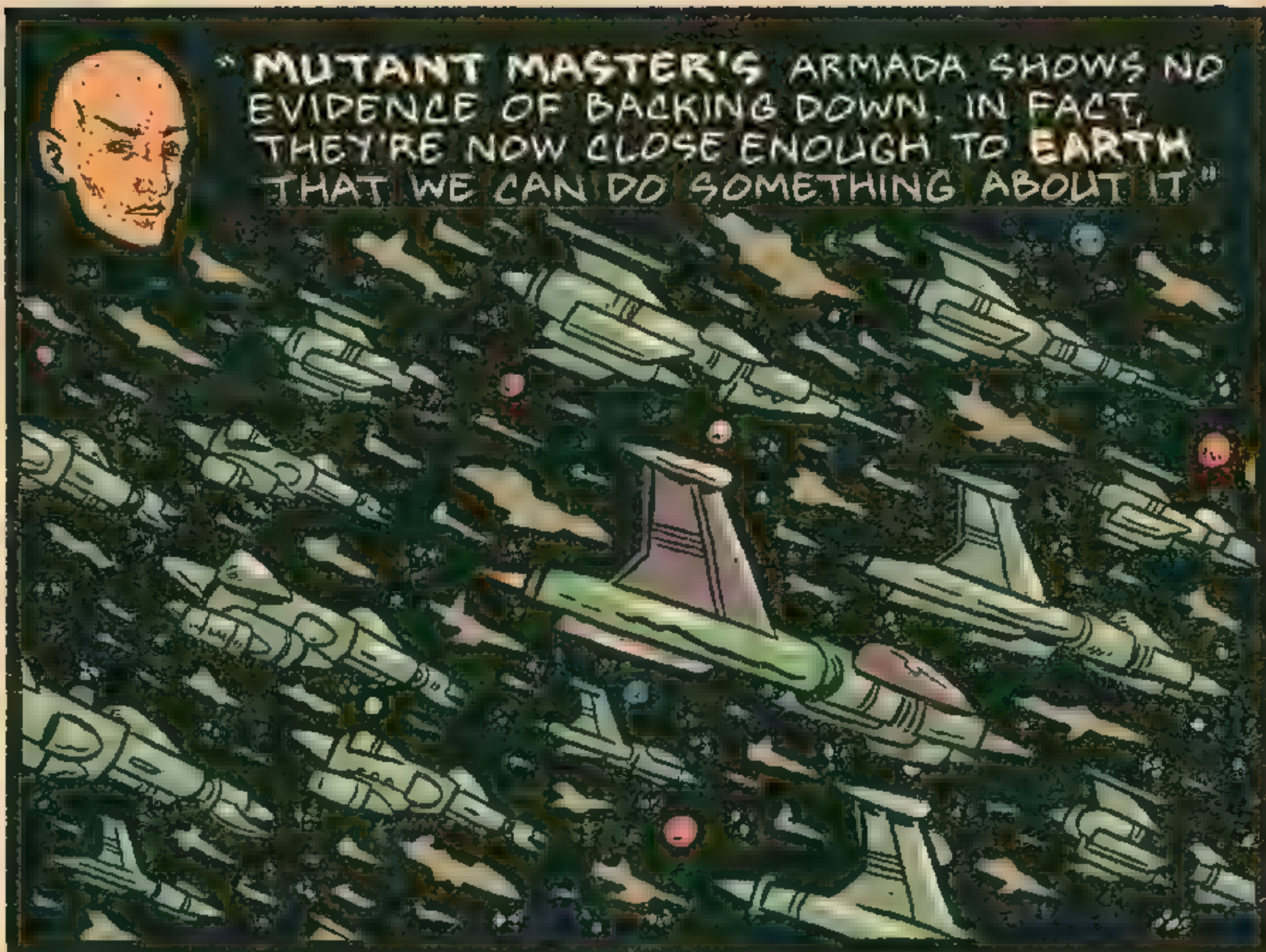


THE X-MEN KNOW TO EXPECT VERY LITTLE DOWNTIME IN BETWEEN MISSIONS.

I'M BACK, MY STUDENTS, AND IT'S TIME WE ADDRESS A VAST ENEMY.



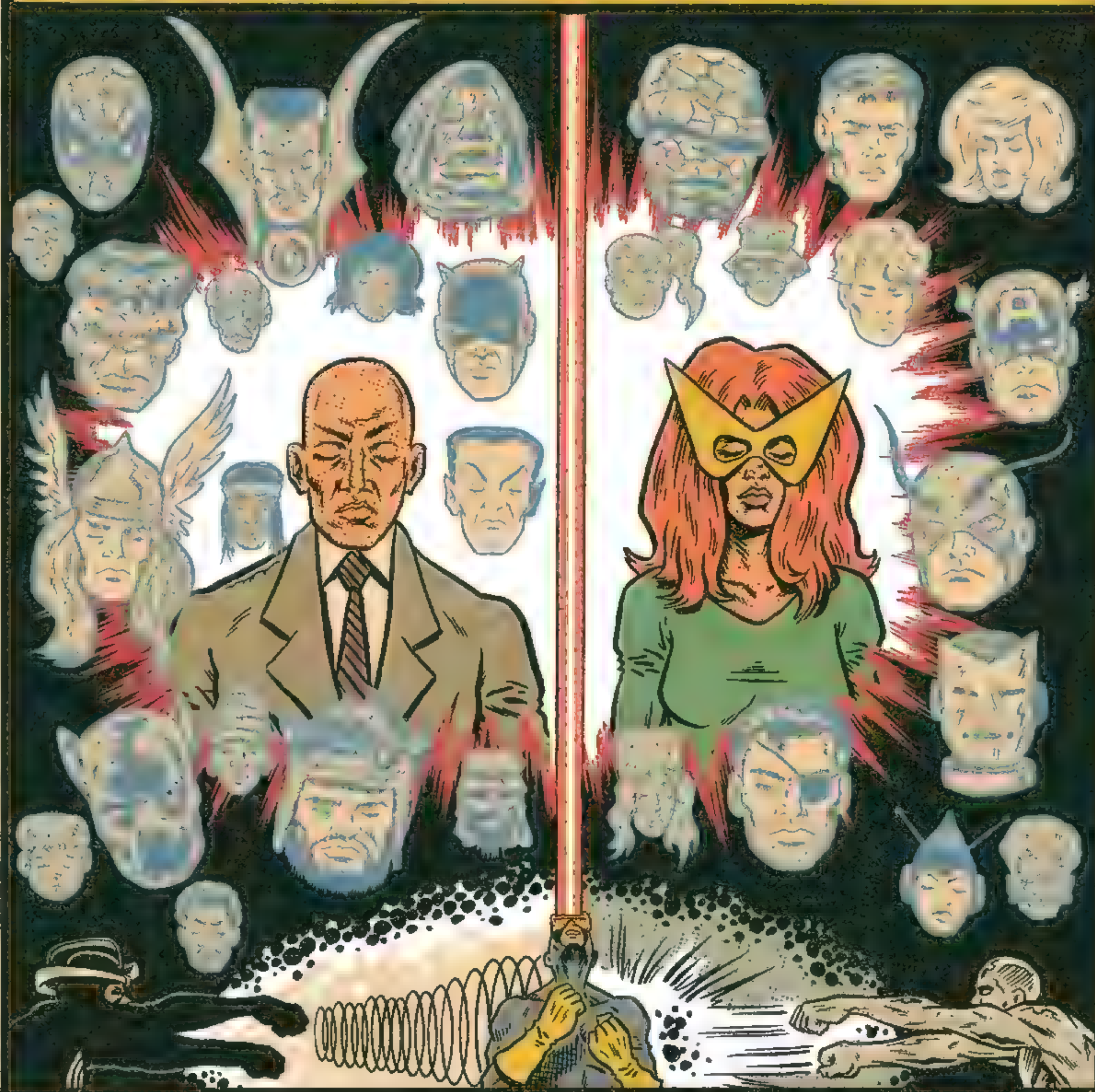
"MUTANT MASTER'S ARMADA SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF BACKING DOWN. IN FACT, THEY'RE NOW CLOSE ENOUGH TO EARTH THAT WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."



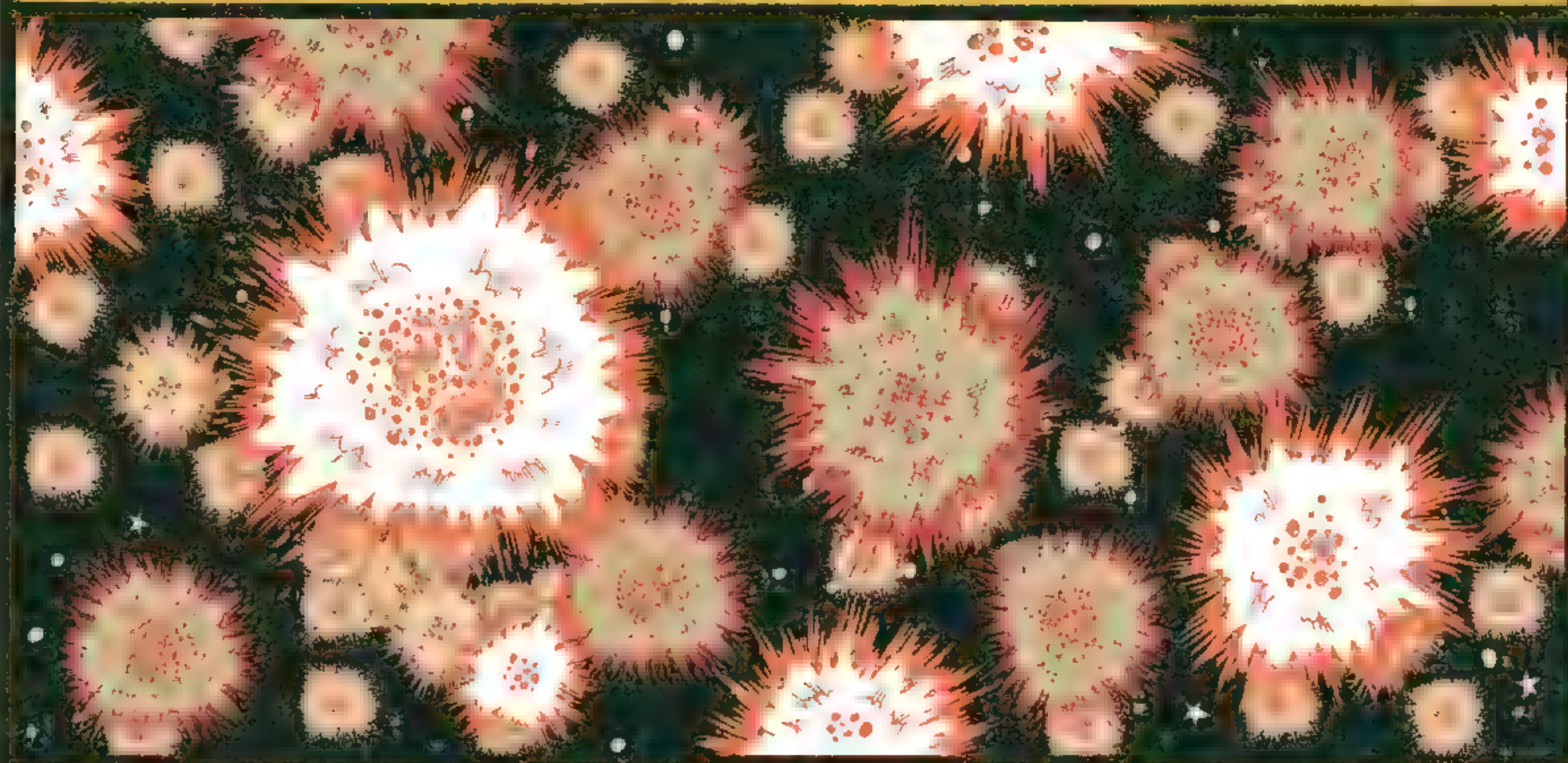
PROFESSOR X DEDICATED MANY MONTHS TO A PLAN. **FORGE** FABRICATED A SUIT FOR **ALEX SUMMERS** TO HARNESS ALL HIS ENERGY SO IT CAN BE USED TO SUPERCHARGE HIS BROTHER **CYCLOPS'** OPTIC BLAST. **ICE-MAN** HELPS REGULATE **SCOTT SUMMERS'** BLISTERING BODY TEMPERATURE.



XAVIER CRISSCROSSED THE GLOBE BUILDING A PSYCHIC NETWORK WITH THE STRONGEST BEINGS ON THE PLANET. **JEAN GREY** HELPS BOOST MENTAL CONTACT TO DIRECT THEIR COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE LASER-LIKE FOCAL POINT **CYCLOPS** IS BEAMING TOWARD THE COSMOS.

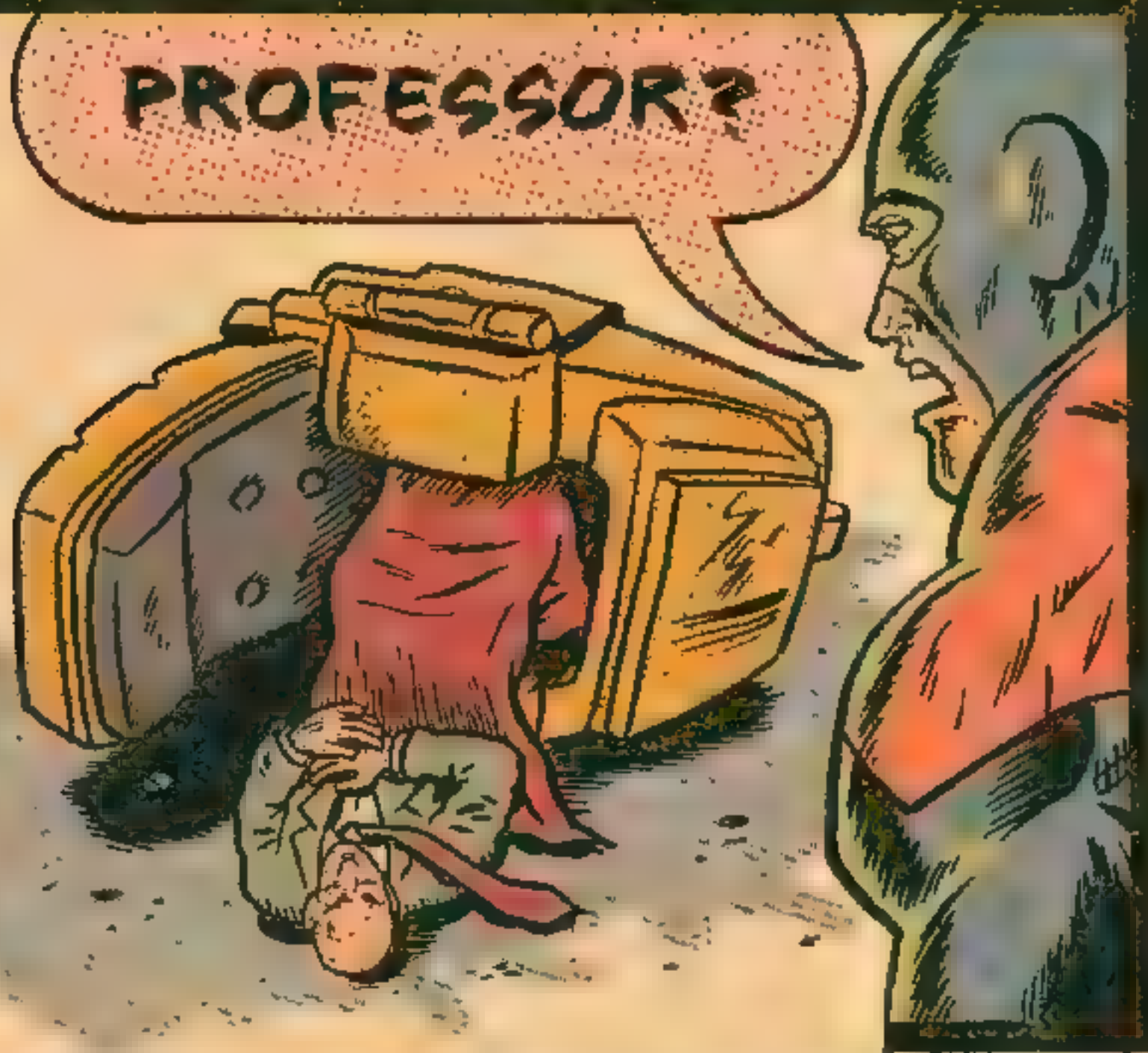


THE ALIEN FLEET DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE TYPHOON OF THOUGHT-POWER CONCENTRATED DIRECTLY FROM EARTH.

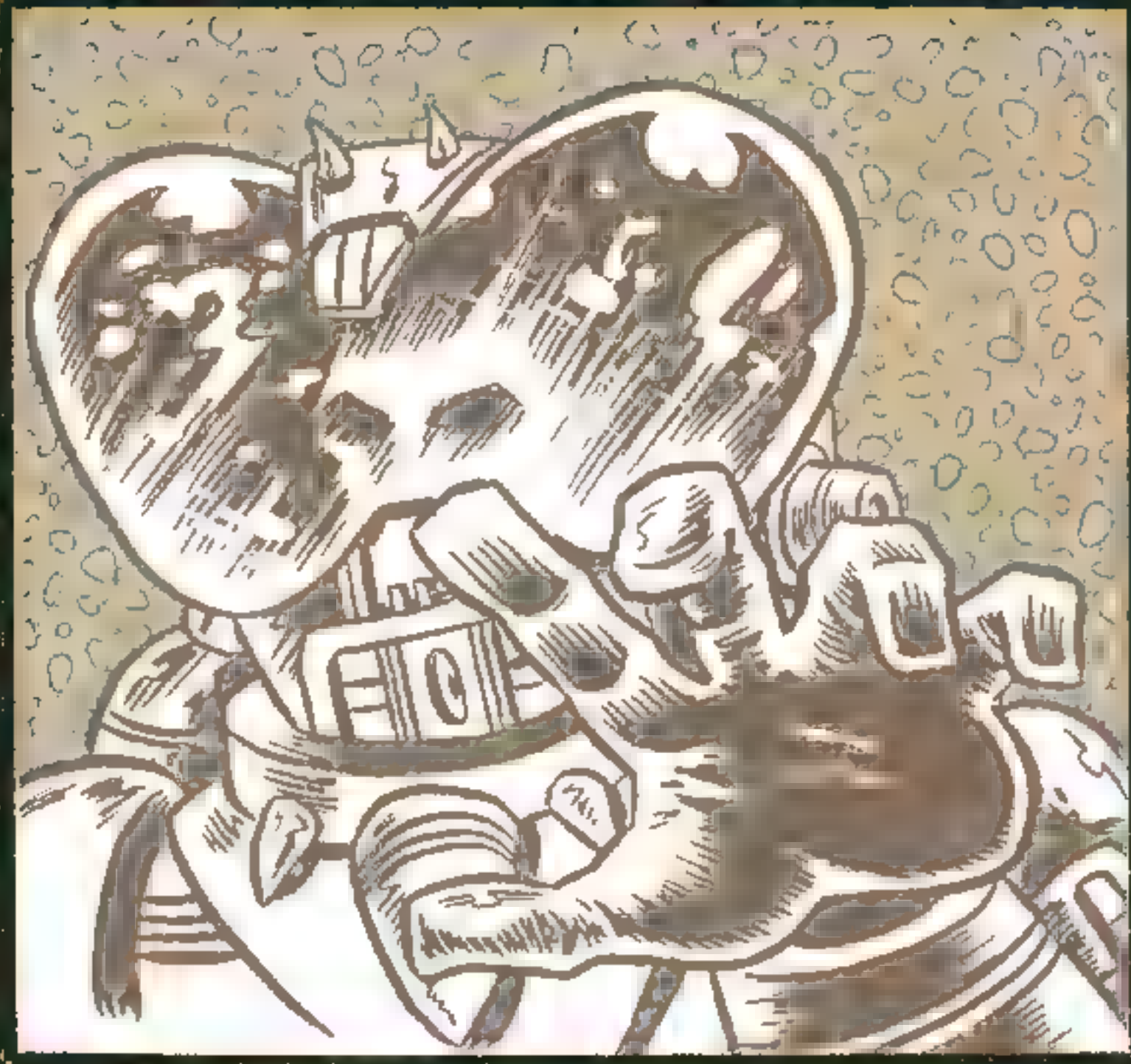


THE STRAIN ZAPS ALL OF THE PROFESSOR'S ENERGY, LEAVING HIM SICK, ANEMIC AND COMATOSE.

PROFESSOR?



ON THE UNCONSCIOUS PLANE, XAVIER'S MIND FILLS WITH INDECIPHERABLE VISIONS.



JEAN TAKES A BIG RISK TO GET HER MENTOR OUT OF HIS SLEEP. IT WORKS.



PLEASE, RECORDER. OF COURSE I HAVE MANY MORE OBSERVATIONS THAT REQUIRE TRANSCRIPTION.



UNTIL THE UNIVERSE BLINKS OUT, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO THE STORY...



NEVER THE END...

XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE



For their service in shaping the
first 30 years of X-MEN history
to make this book possible.



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ASTEROID M FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN* #5 (1964). THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS TOOK OVER SANTO MARCO IN *X-MEN* #4 (1964). MESMERO DEBUTED IN *X-MEN* #49 (1968).

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MAGNETO ATTACKED CAPE CITADEL AND FIRST FOUGHT THE X-MEN IN *X-MEN* #1 (1963).

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THE X-MEN BATTLED THE BLOB IN *X-MEN* #3 (1964) AND THE VANISHER IN *X-MEN* #2 (1963).

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THE X-MEN DROVE THE BROTHERHOOD OUT OF SANTO MARCO IN *X-MEN* #4 (1964). MASTERMIND USED THE 18TH-CENTURY SCENES HE SEES HERE IN MARVEL GIRL'S MIND TO CORRUPT PHOENIX IN *X-MEN* #125-126 AND #129-130 (1979-80).

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THE AMNESIAC SUB-MARINER REGAINED HIS MEMORY AND BATTLED THE FANTASTIC FOUR IN *FANTASTIC FOUR* #4 (1962). MAGNETO UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO RECRUIT HIM INTO THE BROTHERHOOD IN *X-MEN* #6 (1964).

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UNUS THE UNTOUCHABLE FOUGHT THE X-MEN AND CONSIDERED JOINING THE BROTHERHOOD IN *X-MEN* #8 (1964).

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THE X-MEN BATTLED LUCIFER AND DEFUSED HIS BOMB IN *X-MEN* #9 (1965). LUCIFER WAS REVEALED AS AN ALIEN IN *X-MEN* #20 (1966).

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THE X-MEN TRAVELED TO THE SAVAGE LAND AND MET KA-ZAR IN *X-MEN* #10 (1965).

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THE ALIEN STRANGER CLASHED WITH THE BROTHERHOOD, TRANSFORMED MASTERMIND INTO LIVING STONE AND TOOK MAGNETO PRISONER IN *X-MEN* #11 (1965).

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JUGGERNAUT SMASHED INTO THE MANSION AND FOUGHT THE X-MEN IN *X-MEN* #12-13 (1965).

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PROFESSOR X DEBATED BOLIVAR TRASK IN *X-MEN* #14 (1965). THE X-MEN BATTLED THE SENTINELS IN *X-MEN* #14-16 (1965-66), AND TRASK DIED IN *X-MEN* #16 (1966). BOLIVAR'S SON, LARRY, LEARNED OF THE MASTER MOLD IN FLASHBACK IN *X-MEN* #57 (1969).

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BLOB AND UNUS DRESSED AS X-MEN AND COMMITTED CRIMES IN *X-MEN* #20 (1966). THE X-MEN TRACKED DOWN LUCIFER AND DEFEATED HIS DOMINUS MACHINE IN *X-MEN* #21 (1966).

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COUNT NEFARIA FIRST APPEARED IN *AVENGERS* #13 (1965); THE TINKERER DEBUTED IN *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #2 (1963). NEFARIA ATTACKED WASHINGTON, DC, AND FOUGHT THE X-MEN IN *X-MEN* #22-23 (1966). HIS MINIONS SEEN HERE ARE SCARECROW, UNICORN, PLANTMAN AND THE EEL. NEFARIA LATER TARGETED NORAD IN *X-MEN* #94-95 (1975).

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MARVEL GIRL QUIT THE X-MEN TO ATTEND METRO COLLEGE IN *X-MEN* #23-24 (1966). GALACTUS MENACED EARTH IN *FANTASTIC FOUR* #48-50 (1966). TED ROBERTS FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN* #24 (1966).

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THE MIMIC DISCOVERED THE X-MEN AND GAINED THEIR POWERS IN *X-MEN* #19 (1966), AND JOINED THE TEAM IN *X-MEN* #27 (1966).

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BANSHEE WAS FORCED TO ATTACK THE X-MEN, WHO FREED HIM AND LEARNED OF THE SHADOWY THREAT OF THE MUTANT MASTER'S GROUP, FACTOR THREE, IN *X-MEN* #28 (1967).

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THE SUPER-ADAPTOID FIRST APPEARED IN *TALES OF SUSPENSE* #82 (1966) AND BATTLED THE AVENGERS IN *TALES OF SUSPENSE* #84 (1966). IT ATTACKED THE X-MEN, AND WAS DEFEATED BY MIMIC, IN *X-MEN* #29 (1967).

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MARVEL GIRL'S MASTERMIND-INDUCED DREAM HERE REFERS TO THE X-MEN'S BATTLE AGAINST THE WARLOCK IN *X-MEN* #30 (1967). THE DREAM'S VISUAL STYLE IS A HOMAGE TO WINSOR McCAY'S 1905-26 "LITTLE NEMO IN SLUMBERLAND" NEWSPAPER STRIPS.

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THE X-MEN BATTLED THE LOCUST IN *X-MEN* #24 (1966), KUKULCÁN IN *X-MEN* #25-26 (1966) AND THE COBALT MAN IN *X-MEN* #31 (1967). MARVEL GIRL WITHDREW FROM METRO COLLEGE SHORTLY AFTER *X-MEN* #34 (1967).

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JUGGERNAUT WAS AWAKENED FROM HIS COMA AND ATTACKED THE X-MEN AGAIN IN *X-MEN* #32 (1967).

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THE X-MEN DISCOVERED PROFESSOR X'S DISAPPEARANCE IN *X-MEN #33* (1967). THE RUBY OF CYTTORAK FIRST APPEARED IN FLASHBACK IN *X-MEN #12* (1965). BLACK TOM CASSIDY DEBUTED IN *X-MEN #99-101* (1976) AND WAS REVEALED TO HAVE ALLIED WITH THE JUGGERNAUT IN *X-MEN #101* (1976).

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BANSHEE, SEARCHING EUROPE FOR FACTOR THREE'S BASE, WAS CAPTURED IN *X-MEN #35* (1967).

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FACTOR THREE'S FIRST FULL ON-PANEL APPEARANCE WAS *X-MEN #37* (1967).

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FORGE FIRST APPEARED IN *UNCANNY X-MEN #183-184* (1984). THE X-MEN'S MODIFIED SR-71 BLACKBIRD DEBUTED IN *GIANT-SIZE X-MEN #1* (1975). THE X-MEN BATTLED FACTOR THREE IN *X-MEN #37-39* (1967); THE MUTANT MASTER WAS REVEALED AS AN ALIEN AND DIED IN *X-MEN #39* (1967).

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PROFESSOR X DETECTED THE ALIEN Z'NOX HEADING FOR EARTH, AND HAD CHANGELING IMPERSONATE HIM SO HE COULD PREPARE FOR THE INVASION, IN FLASHBACK IN *X-MEN #65* (1970). THE X-MEN FOUGHT GROTESK, WHO SEEMINGLY KILLED PROFESSOR X, IN *X-MEN #41-42* (1968).

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PROFESSOR X'S FUNERAL TOOK PLACE IN *X-MEN #43* (1968). X-51 THE MACHINE MAN FIRST APPEARED IN *2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY #8* (1977), THOUGH THE ROBOT SEEN HERE MAY BE AN EARLIER MODEL NUMBER. MAGNETO ESCAPED THE STRANGER'S WORLD IN *AVENGERS #47* (1967) AND DISCOVERED THE SAVAGE LAND IN FLASHBACK IN *X-MEN #63* (1969).

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NICK FURY FIRST APPEARED IN *SGT. FURY #1* (1963) AND TOOK OVER S.H.I.E.L.D. IN *STRANGE TALES #135* (1965). THE X-MEN DISBANDED AFTER PRESSURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN *X-MEN #46* (1968). THEIR NEW COSTUMES FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN #39* (1967).

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ANGEL ENCOUNTERED RED RAVEN IN *X-MEN #44* (1968). CYCLOPS AND MARVEL GIRL ADVENTURED TOGETHER IN *X-MEN #48* (1969). BEAST AND ICEMAN RELOCATED TO SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE MESMERO USED A PSYCHE-GENERATOR TO ENTHRALL LATENT MUTANTS INCLUDING LORNA DANE, IN *X-MEN #49* (1968). PYRO FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN #141* (1981). ROGUE DEBUTED IN *AVENGERS ANNUAL #10* (1981).

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LORNA DANE WAS CAPTURED, AND THE X-MEN REUNITED, IN *X-MEN #49-50* (1968).

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MESMERO UNLOCKED LORNA'S LATENT POWERS IN *X-MEN #50* (1968), AND THE FICTITIOUS ERIK THE RED FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN #51* (1968). LORNA WAS CONFIRMED TO BE MAGNETO'S DAUGHTER IN *UNCANNY X-MEN #430* (2003).

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THE LIVING PHARAOH KIDNAPPED ALEX SUMMERS IN *X-MEN #54* (1969). THE PHARAOH ABSORBED ALEX'S POWERS AND BECAME THE LIVING MONOLITH IN *X-MEN #56* (1969).

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LARRY TRASK'S NEW SENTINELS CAPTURED LORNA AND ALEX IN *X-MEN #57* (1969). THE ISLAND NATION OF GENOSHA FIRST APPEARED IN *UNCANNY X-MEN #235* (1988).

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SENTINELS CAPTURED TOAD, VANISHER, UNUS, SCARLET WITCH AND QUICKSILVER SHORTLY BEFORE *X-MEN #59* (1969). LARRY TRASK LEARNED HE WAS A MUTANT IN *X-MEN #58* (1969). THE X-MEN LOCATED TRASK'S BASE AND CONVINCED THE SENTINELS TO ATTACK THE SUN IN *X-MEN #59* (1969).

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SAURON FIRST APPEARED IN *X-MEN #59* (1969) AND HYPNOTIZED ANGEL IN *X-MEN #60-61* (1969). ANGEL FELL INTO THE SAVAGE LAND AND WAS SAVED BY MAGNETO IN *X-MEN #62* (1969). THE X-MEN AND KA-ZAR BATTLED MAGNETO'S MUTATES IN *X-MEN #63* (1969).

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PROFESSOR X RETURNED, AND USED THE X-MEN TO HARNESS THE WORLD'S PSYCHIC ENERGY AND REPEL THE ALIEN Z'NOX FLEET, IN *X-MEN #65* (1970).

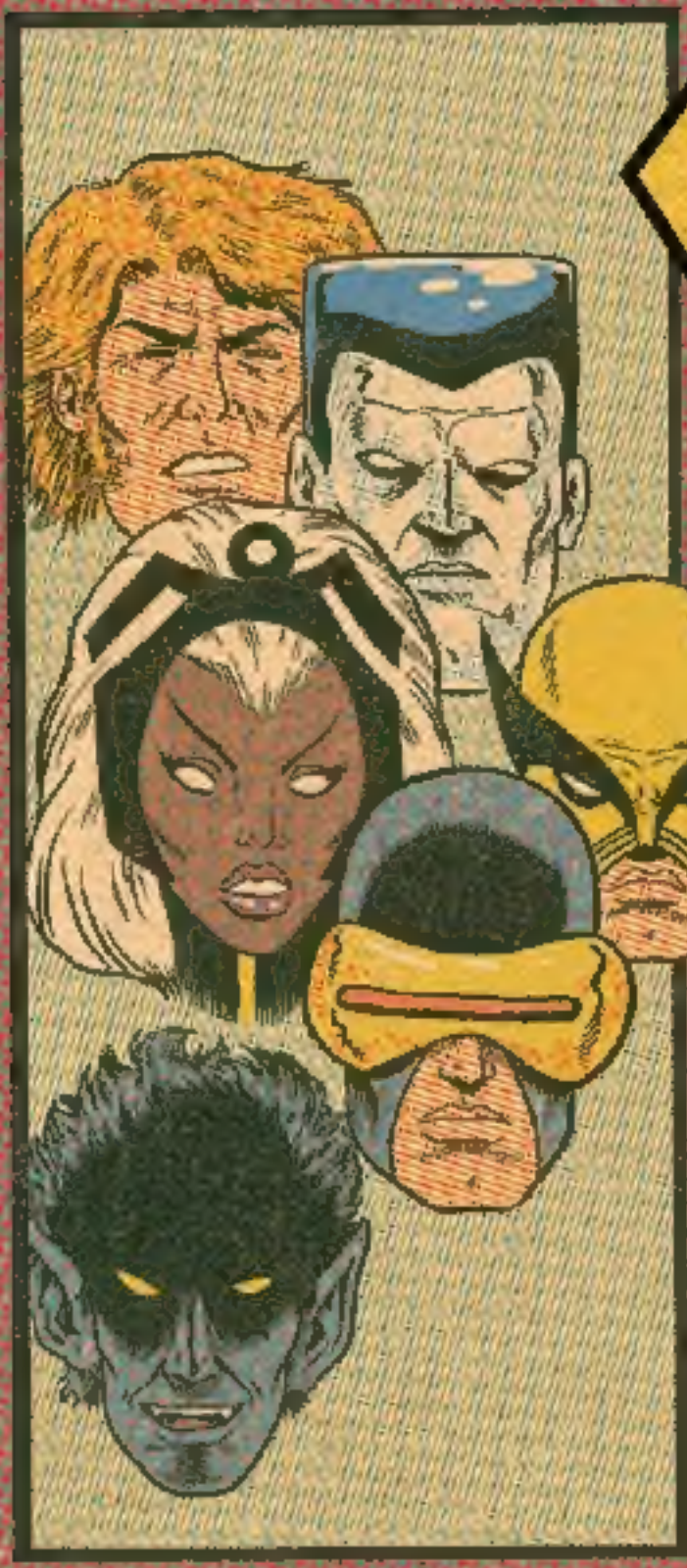
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PROFESSOR X LOCKED MINDS WITH THE SHI'AR PRINCESS LILANDRA NERAMANI, AS REVEALED IN FLASHBACK IN *X-MEN #107* (1977). PROFESSOR X COLLAPSED, BUT WAS REVIVED BY HIS STUDENTS, IN *X-MEN #65-66* (1970). KRAKOA THE LIVING ISLAND FIRST APPEARED IN *GIANT-SIZE X-MEN #1* (1975).



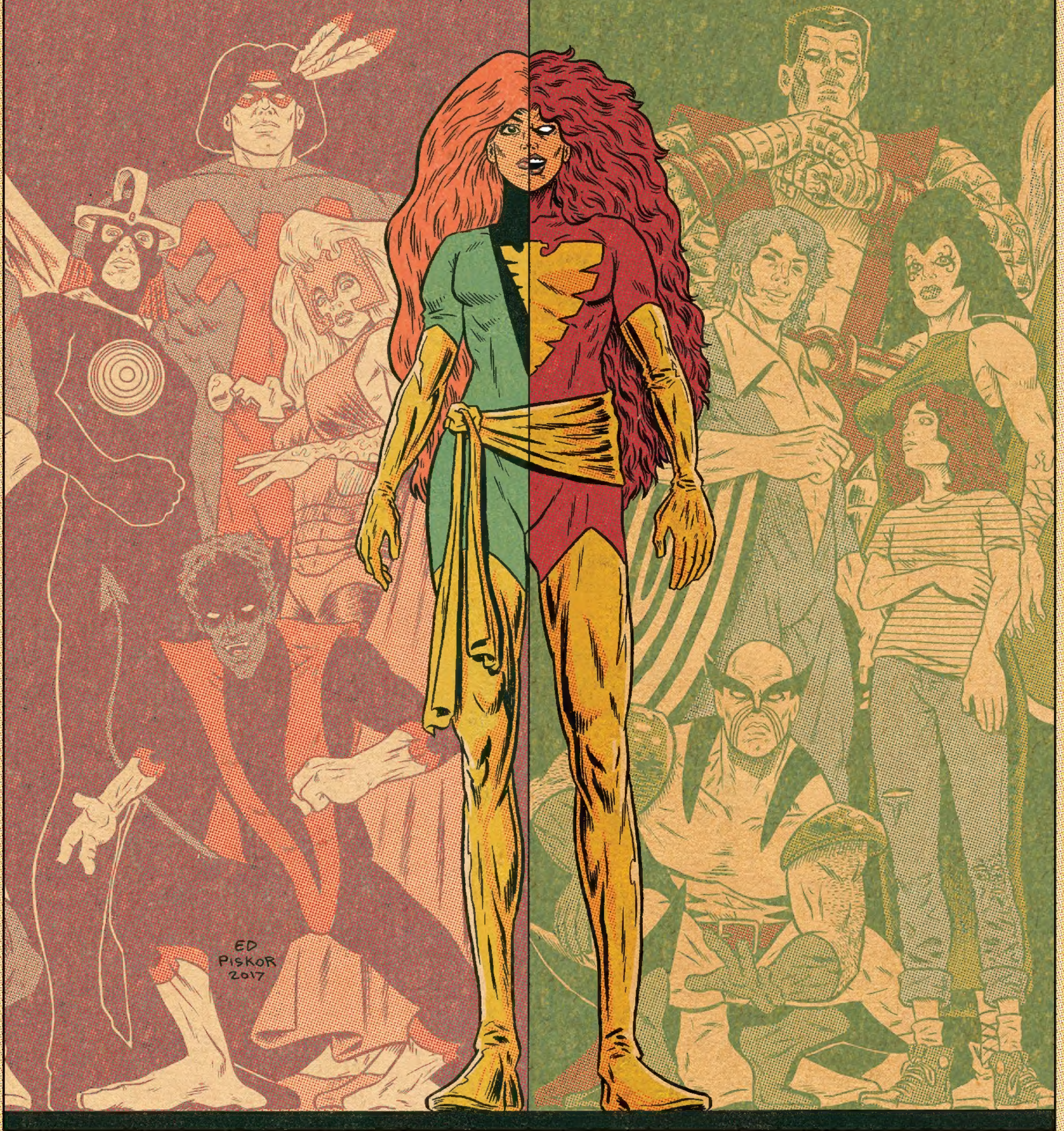
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